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CHARACTER

MIZUYAMA NORIKA

HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR. SHE'S BEEN FRIENDS WITH YUKI SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PLAYS THE PIANO. HAS A SHARP TONGUE.

KURIHARA YUKI

HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR. SHE FELL FOR MOMO-KUN AT FIRST GLANCE, AND AFTER SHE CONFESED TO HIM, THEY STARTED GOING OUT. AN OLDER FLOUNCY GIRL WHO LIKES MOMO-KUN TOO MUCH. SHE'S IN THE HONORS CLASS, SO HER GRADES ARE EXCELLENT.

USAMI IKUE

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR. SAKAKI'S FRIEND. LAID-BACK PERSONALITY.

SAKAKI RIO

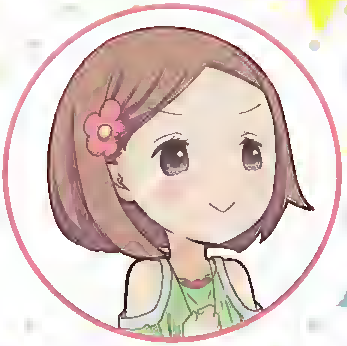
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR. BECAUSE OF HER ANDROGYNOUS LOOKS, SHE'S ONE OF THOSE GIRLS WHO OTHER GIRLS CRUSH ON. TALENTED AT BOTH ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS. LOVES CUTE THINGS.

SAWAGUCHI RIHITO
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
MOMO'S FRIEND.
HAS A BIT OF A NAUGHTY MOUTH.
HIS FAMILY OWNS A CLINIC.

MOMOTSUKI SHINYA
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
A LITTLE SMALL FOR A BOY. BOTH OF HIS PARENTS WORK, SO HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT HOUSEWORK.
GRADES COULD BE BETTER.

SHIZUKA SHOUTA
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
MOMO'S FRIEND.
HE CAN BE A LITTLE SPACEY.
YUZUKI'S COUSIN.

SHIMADA YUZUKI
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
SAKAKI'S FRIEND.
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS WITH MOMO, SHIZUKA AND RIHITO. CALLS HERSELF "YUU-CHAN."



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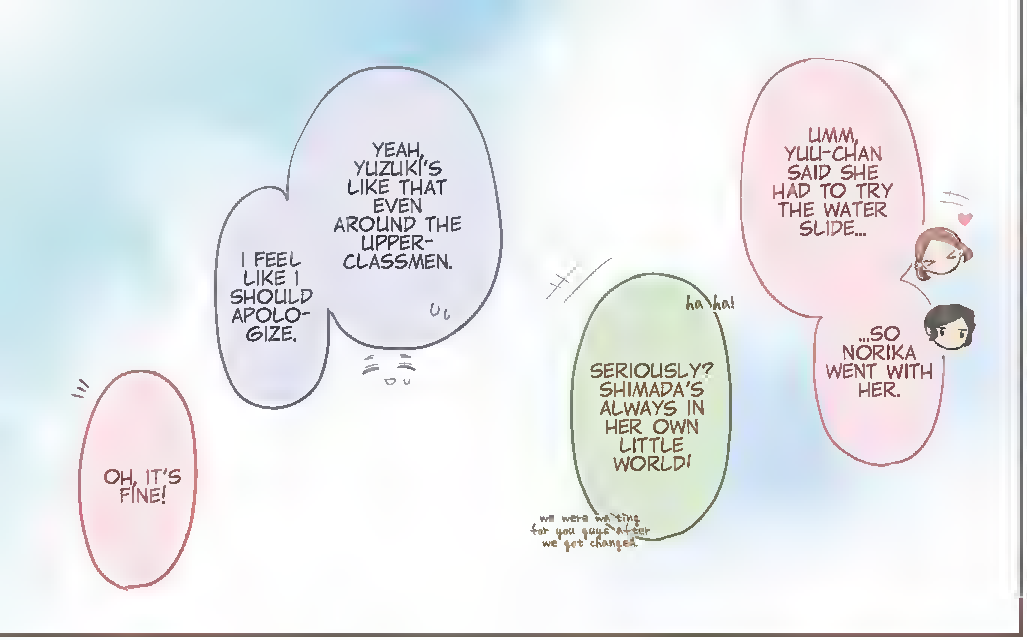
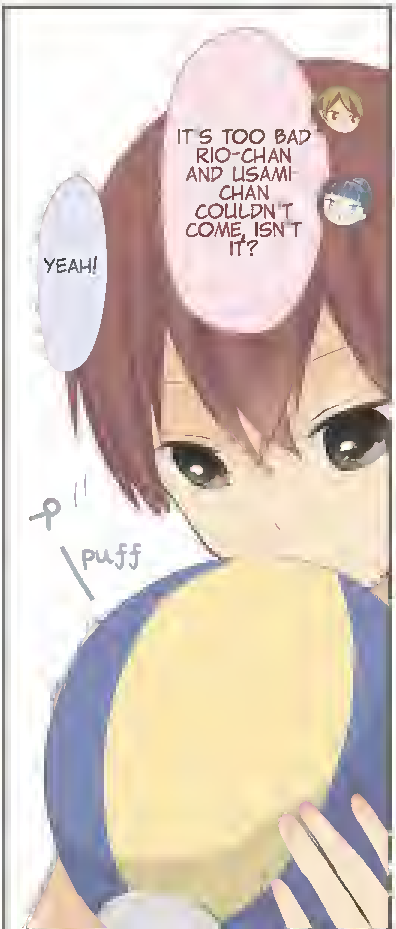
EP 28- SPARKLING WATER SPRAY
YOU KNOW...
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU AND I WOULD MAKE GOOD FRIENDS
YAY!
WHY ARE YOU SHOWING SO MUCH SKIN?! ARE YOU TRYING TO RUB IT IN?!
but you were there when i bought it!
EHHH?!
ON THE OTHER HAND YUKI!
O-OHH I KNEW IT...
I SNACKED A LOT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SPENDING SO MUCH TIME AT HOME...
DID I GAIN WEIGHT?
i wish i were slender like you two...
THAT'S THE PART THAT WORRIES HER?

YOU DIDN'T CATCH MY COLD OR SOMETHING, DID YOU?
hmng!
he's in trouble... delicious...
NO, NO!
AUGUST 15
AFTER MOMO-KUN RE-COVERED FROM HIS COLD...
WE ALL WENT TO HANG OUT AT THE POOL TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR SUMMER VACATION
WH...
WHAT'S UP, KURIHARA-SAN? ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
NO—
you're all carted up...
WHERE ARE THE OTHER TWO, KURI-SENPAI?
aha ha...
WHA-AT? BOOO-OORING
NO-THING!
don't be all suggest-tive!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT COULD HAVE GIVEN IT TO HER, HMM?
well, well
!!


YEAH, YUZUKI'S LIKE THAT EVEN AROUND THE UPPER-CLASSMEN.
I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD APOLO-GIZE.
OH, IT'S FINE!
UMM, YUU-CHAN SAID SHE HAD TO TRY THE WATER SLIDE...
...SO NORIKA WENT WITH HER.
ha-ha!
SERIOUSLY? SHIMADA'S ALWAYS IN HER OWN LITTLE WORLD!
we were waiting for you guys forever we got changed.

IS THAT..

THE BEACH BALL?
I WENT TO BUY SOME SNACKS WHILE WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU GIRLS TO CHANGE.


IT'S TOO BAD RIO-CHAN AND USAMI-CHAN COULDN'T COME, ISN'T IT?
YEAH!
puff

I'll inflate it now
SO I BOUGHT A BEACH BALL WHILE I WAS AT IT.
OHH..
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! RIGHT, KURIHARA-SAN?
COMING RIGHT UP!
UH, LIKE A CHEF?

WHY SO SUR-PRISED?
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO WENT OFF TO HAVE FUN BY YOUR-SELVES!
OH.
SAWA-KUN? YOU'RE ALONE?
I JUST CAN'T SIT STILL!
sorry!
SO YOU WAITED FOR US, SAWA-GUCHI-KUN?
THANKS
I MEAN, IT'S NO BIG DEAL
ah ha ha
あはは
ふふふ
tee hee hee
SENPAI..
THINK THERE'S ANYTHING YOU COULD DO ABOUT THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY ATMOSPHERE OVER THERE?

THAT'S OUR SENPAI!
go get 'em!
I'M GOING TO PICK ON THEM.
. . .
OKAY.
SHIZUKA'S CAUGHT UP IN THE POOL RIGHT NOW, SO...
he's hit with the heat...
REALLY?
AND LEAVE YOU ALL BY YOUR LONE-SOME?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO HANG OUT WITH EVERYONE ELSE, SAWA-KUN?
'KAY THANKS
twinge
I'LL WAIT WITH YA UNTIL YOU'RE DONE EATING.

YOU'RE NEXT, KURIHARA-SAN!
tup

...

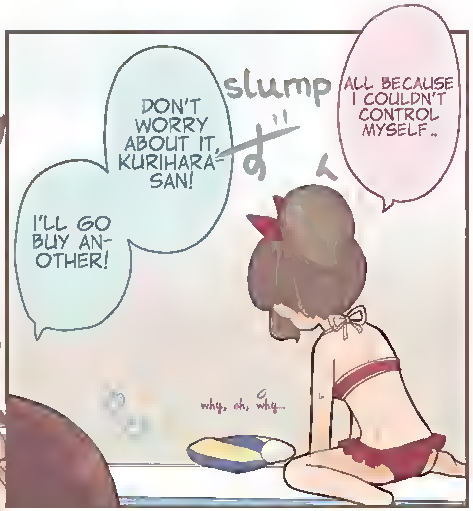
pong
I'M READY!

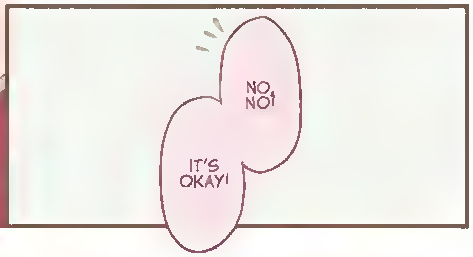
TH...
THIS IS...
IS THIS TOR-TURE...
a ball with momo-kun's breath in it
going back and forth
...OR A REWARD?!

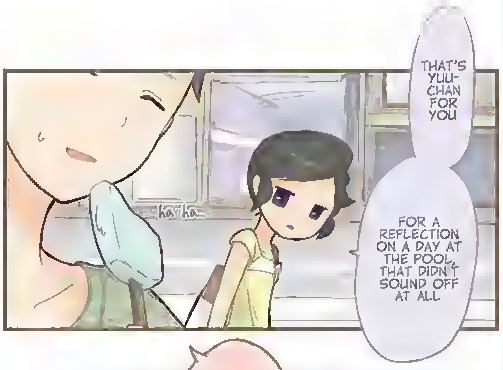
BOUNCING THOUGHTS

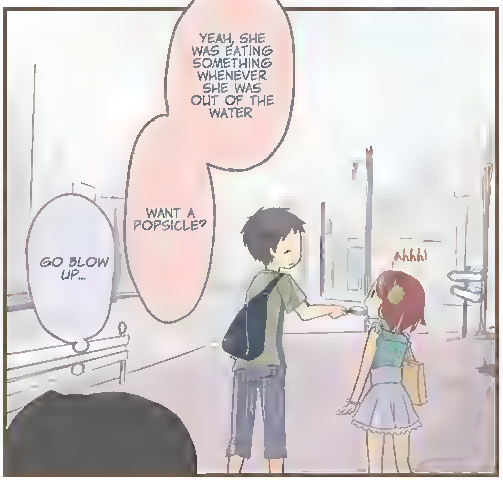
SORRY!
IT WAS PRETTY CHEAP, SO I GUESS IT COULDN'T STAND UP TO MUCH FORCE.
can't believe that just hitting the ground made it go flat...

EP29: TWO GAZES

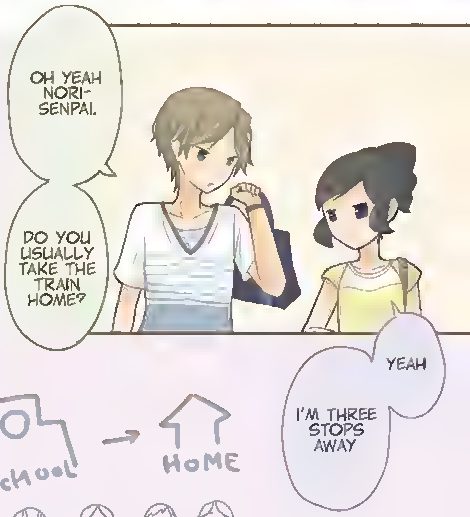








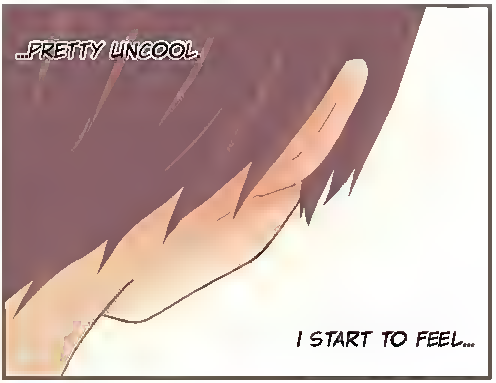
OH, YEAH?
thanks.
THEN WE'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION AND DO SOME WINDOW SHOPPING ALONG THE WAY, SENPAI.
OH, OH! YUU-CHAN WANTS TO GO TO THE STATION, TOO!
AND HERE'S WHERE WE SPLIT UP!

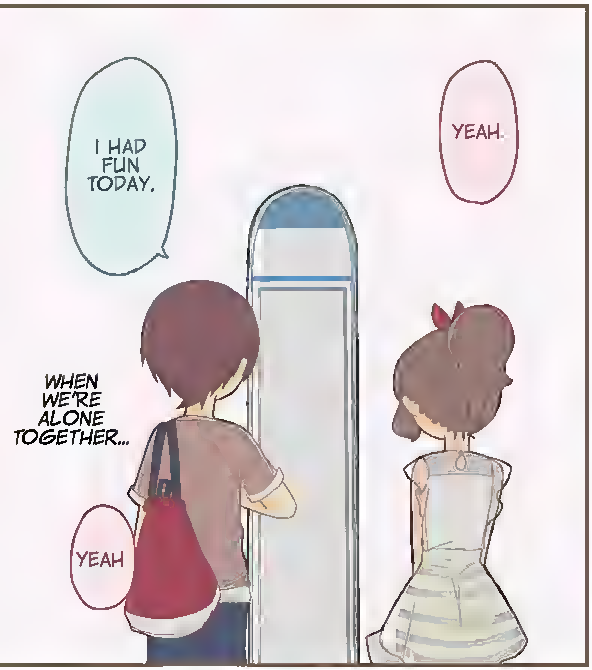


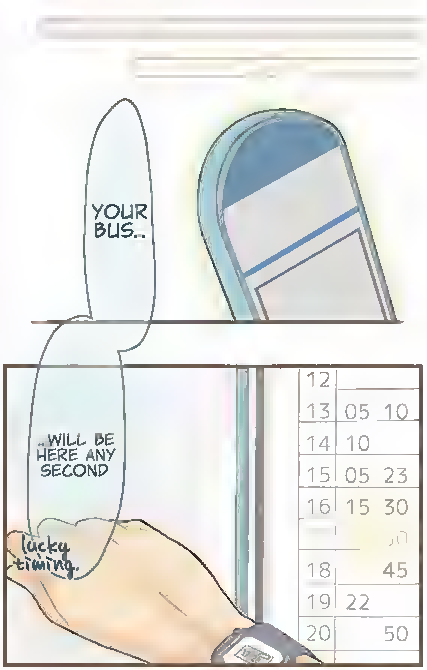
THESE FOUR ARE LOCALS,
SO THEY WALK ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL

TAKES THE BUS
OH
MOMO, YOU BETTER WALK KURI-SENPAI TO HER BUS STOP.
RIGHT.
DON'T SAY THAT IN FRONT OF HER!
you're being too forward!
H-
GO GET HER, TIGER!
HEY!
MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD HER HAND OR SOMETHING.
?!
I'M ALL SANITIZED, SO YOU CAN GRAB MY HAND, NO WORRIES!
SANITIZER
...!
!

YOU DIDN'T...
...CAN BE PRETTY AGGRESSIVE SOMETIMES.
KURIHARA-SAN...
...
WHEN SHE'S THE ONE ALWAYS TAKING THE LEAD...
I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND ANYTIME
...HAVE TO DO THAT.


...PRETTY UNCOOL.
I START TO FEEL...


I HAD FUN TODAY.
YEAH.
WHEN WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER...
YEAH


YOUR BUS..
..WILL BE HERE ANY SECOND
lucky timing.
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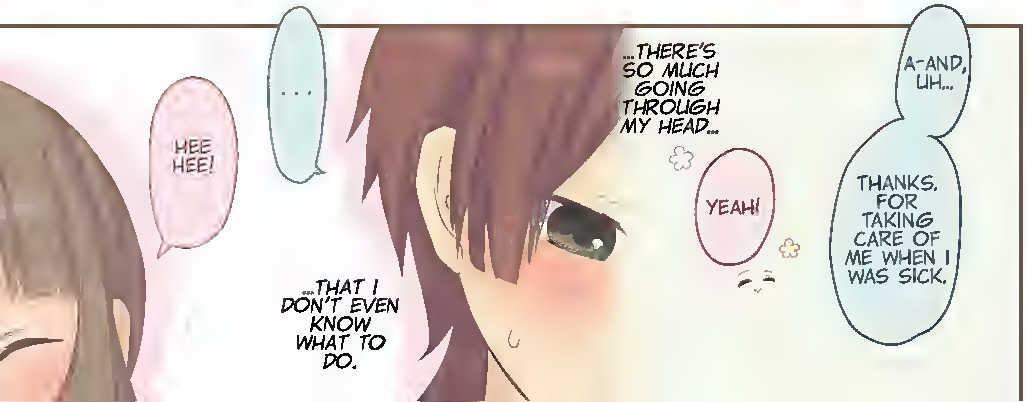
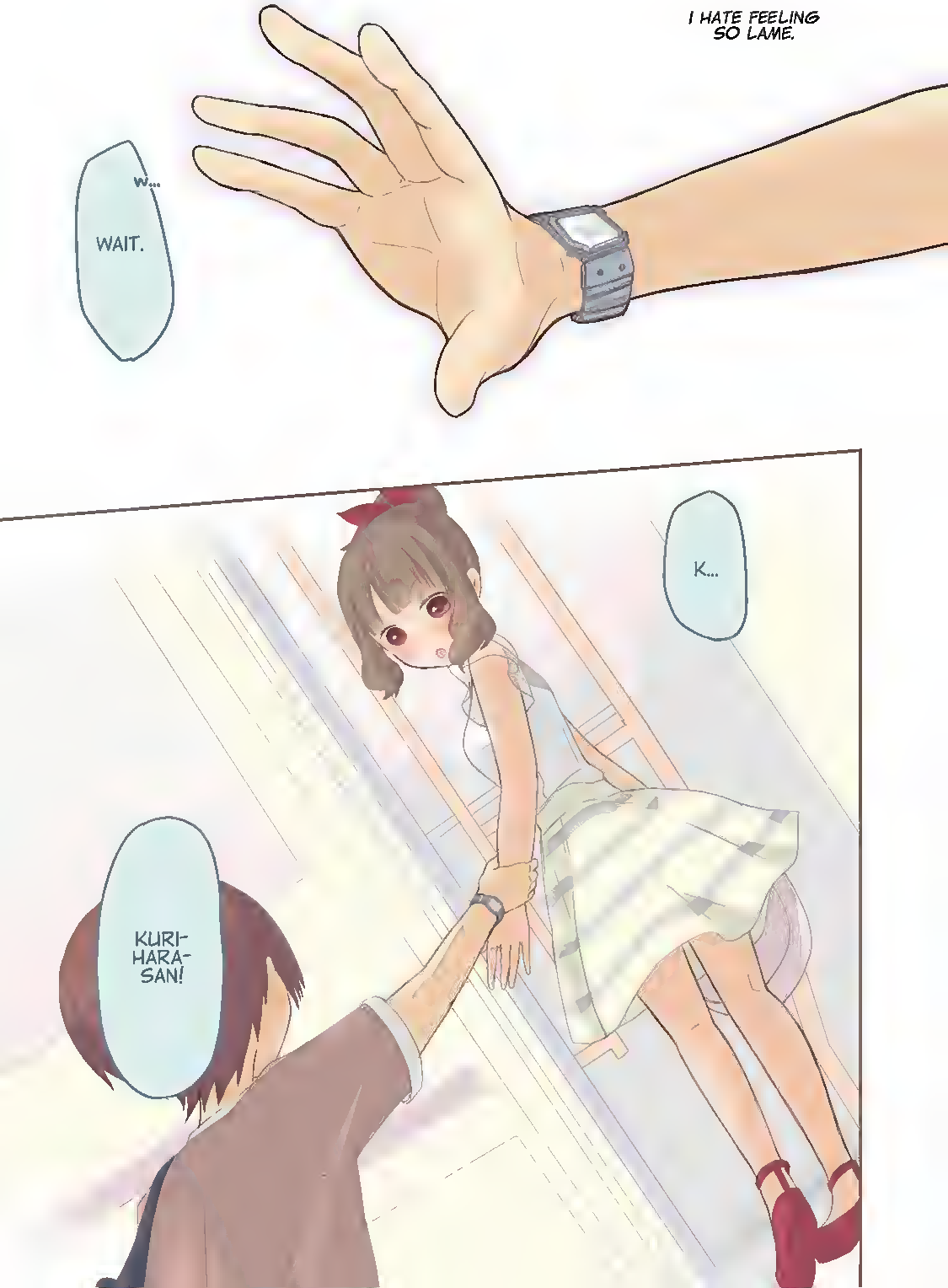
13 05 10
14 10
15 05 23
16 15 30
18 45
19 22
20 50


...
HEE HEE!
...THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO.
...THERE'S SO MUCH GOING THROUGH MY HEAD...
YEAH!
A-AND, UH...
THANKS. FOR TAKING CARE OF ME WHEN I WAS SICK.

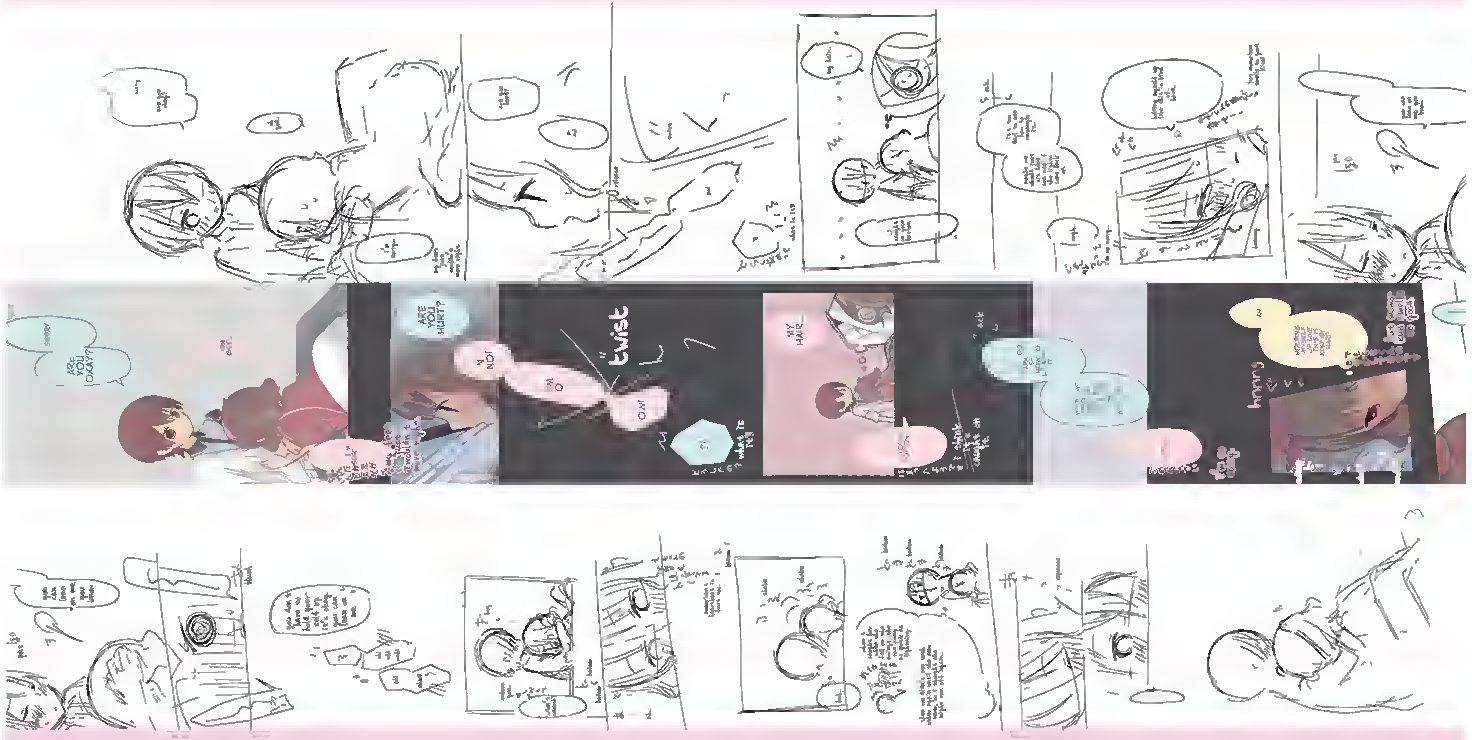
I...
I DO?
YOU DO!
AND WHEN HE'S EMBAR-RASSED...
...HE HIDES HIS FACE! LIKE RIGHT NOW!
OH, MOMO KUN
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE?
H-HUH?!
BUT AT TIMES LIKE THIS, SHE LOOKS AT ME WITH SUCH A MATURE GAZE...
OH... THERE'S MY BUS.
thanks for walking with me, momo-kun!
SHE'S ONLY ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME.


I HATE FEELING SO LAME.
W...
WAIT.
K...
KURI-HARA-SAN!

I REALLY...

...DON'T WANT THAT!

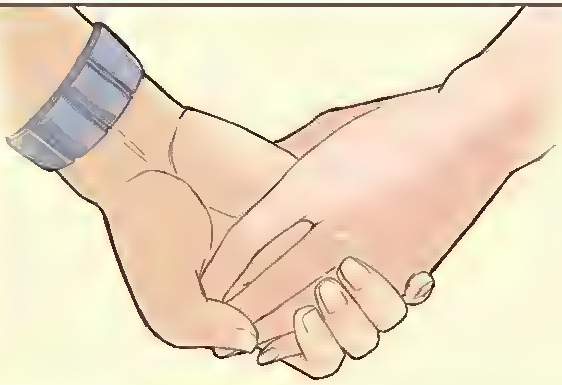
NORMALLY I DRAW THE MANGA AS A VERTICAL STRIP.



EP30: SPINNING SWINGS

THIS IS BIG.

SO BIG! MY SHY MOMO-KUN...



...IS LEADING ME BY THE HAND-- AND IT WAS HIS OWN IDEA!

IT'S LIKE...

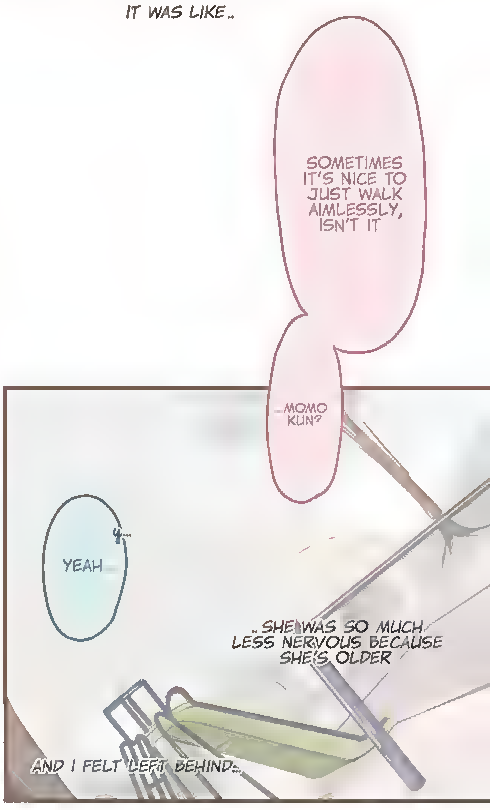
LIKE...

REALLY... COOL.

KURI-HARA-SAN...

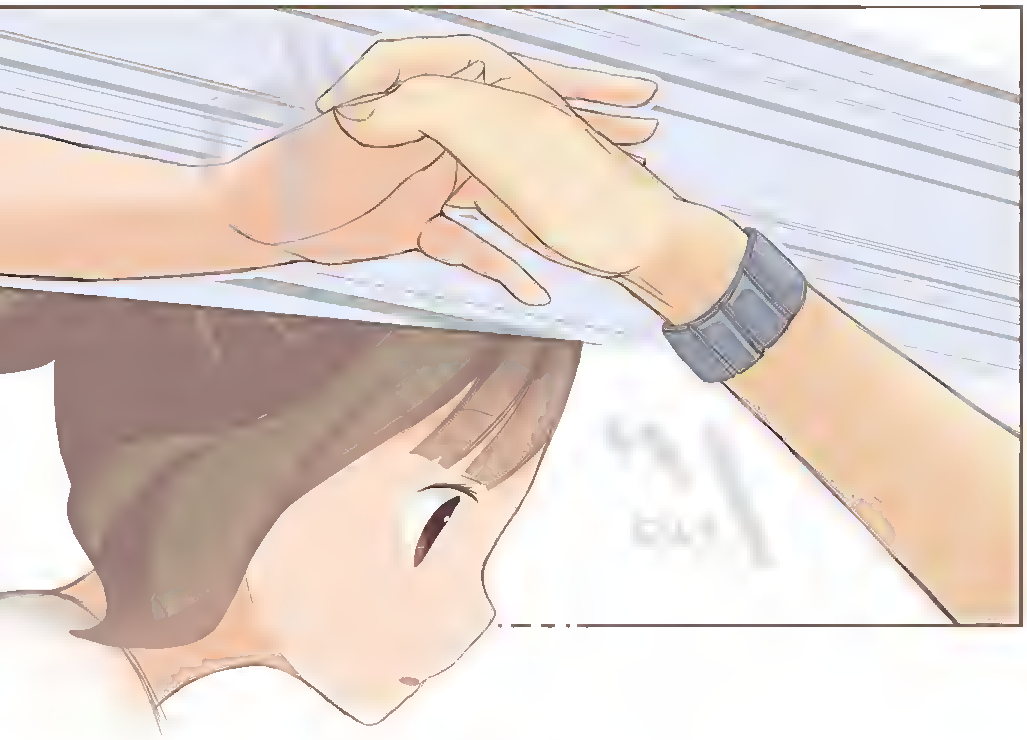
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THAT BUS BACK THERE, WEREN'T THERE?
SORRY FOR EMBARRASSING YOU LIKE THAT!
OH, NO!
I WASN'T EMBARRASSED IN THE LEAST!
think nothing of it
NO, I'M SORRY, I MEANT CUTE! HE'S SOOO CUTE!

BY THE WAY..
DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING?
..SO I STOPPED HER REFLEXIVELY.


IT WAS LIKE..
SOMETIMES IT'S NICE TO JUST WALK AIMLESSLY, ISN'T IT
..MOMO KUN?
YEAH..
..SHE WAS SO MUCH LESS NERVOUS BECAUSE SHE'S OLDER
AND I FELT LEFT BEHIND..

REALITY
I JUST CAN'T...
NAH.
NOT ANY-THING SPECIFIC!
?
OH, OKAY!
...BE THAT SURE OF MYSELF.
AH!
NAH.
I JUST WANTED TO SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH YOU.
THE PERFECT ANSWER
UMM .
HEY, MOMO-KUN?
H...
. . .

THIS IS KINDA EMBARRASS-ING..
UH
WHATCHA...
...DOIN?
SQUEEZE
SHE CALLED ME CUTE AGAIN
ERM..
YOU'RE SO CUTE, BUT YOUR HANDS ARE STILL FIRMER THAN MINE..
a little
...
!_!
?!
YOU KNOW...
YOUR HANDS ARE SO NICE
hee hee
IT'S, LIKE..
SO MANLY!



THAT'S TRUE FOR MORE THAN JUST MY HANDS
EH?
RE-MEM-BER.
...I'M A GUY!

AH!
AH-
Y-
YUP! HOW COULD I BE SO RUDE?!
K-
KURI-HARA-SAN?!
click
click
click
W-WELL HE'S NOT WRONG, BUT...!
AWAWA!
NOOO...!
!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
...SOMETIMES HE GETS ALL SULKY, AND IT'S ALL SO CUTE...
DON'T SPIN AROUND SO MUCH, YOU NEED TO BE
...SINCERE, AND JEALOUS, AND...
THE MOMO-KUN I KNOW IS...
...SUPER-HONEST, AND SHY, AND...

wrap
KURI-HARA-SAN!
MOMO-KUN IS CUTE...
dizzy
SO CUTE...
CARE-FUL!
badum
ARE YOU OKAY?
I...
I'M DIZZY...
...RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HIM...

WAIT...
N...
NO..
ANY-THING BUT THAT...
STOOOOOP!
...
EP31: UNCONTAINABLE
HEH HEH HEH!
WELL, THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AT MY MATH HOME-WORK!
now we're all done!
HMM?
A FEW HOURS EARLIER
cheep
cheep
cheep
cheep
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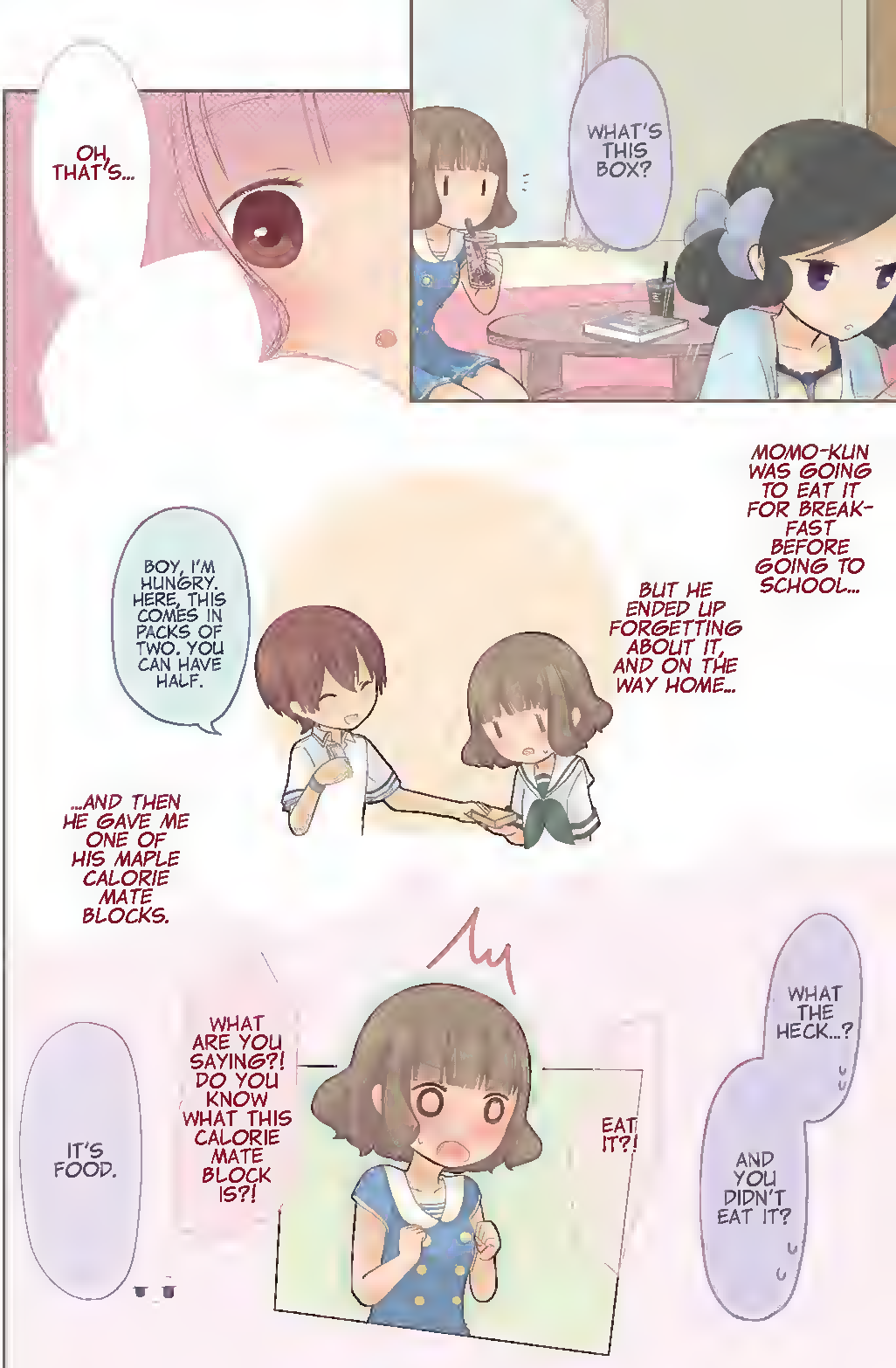
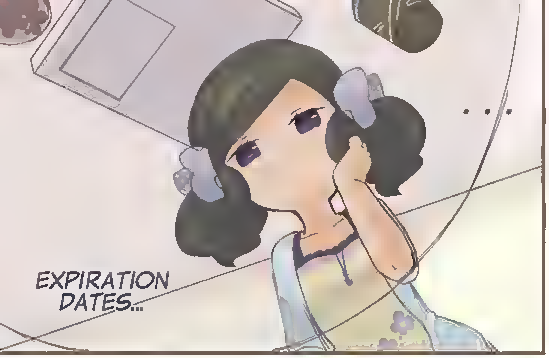
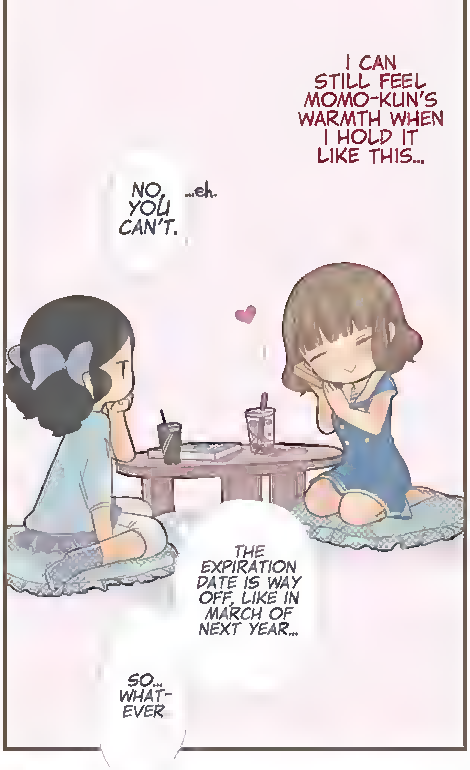
WHEW.
THANKS. I JUST COULDN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND THIS ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT.
the idioms always get me...


OH, THAT'S...
WHAT'S THIS BOX?
MOMO-KUN WAS GOING TO EAT IT FOR BREAK-FAST BEFORE GOING TO SCHOOL...
BUT HE ENDED UP FORGETTING ABOUT IT, AND ON THE WAY HOME...
BOY, I'M HUNGRY. HERE, THIS COMES IN PACKS OF TWO. YOU CAN HAVE HALF.
...AND THEN HE GAVE ME ONE OF HIS MAPLE CALORIE MATE BLOCKS.
WHAT THE HECK...?
AND YOU DIDN'T EAT IT?
EAT IT?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS CALORIE MATE BLOCK IS?!
IT'S FOOD.

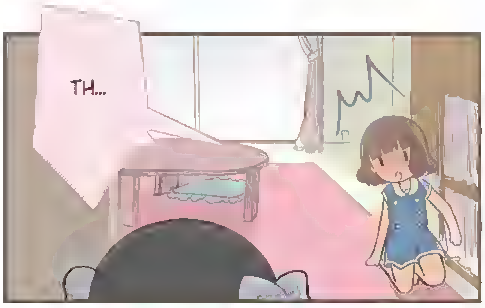



I CAN STILL FEEL MOMO-KUN'S WARMTH WHEN I HOLD IT LIKE THIS...
NO, YOU CAN'T.
...eh.
THE EXPIRATION DATE IS WAY OFF, LIKE IN MARCH OF NEXT YEAR...
SO... WHATEVER

THAT REMINDS ME... SHE...

YEAH.
WE MADE A BUNCH, AND I CAN'T FINISH THEM ALL.
there's no one at home to eat them, either
THANK GOD HOME EC IS MANDATORY FOR GIRLS AND BOYS!
I CAN HAVE THEM?!
ARE YOU SURE?!
I...
K-KAY.
THANK YOU! I'LL CHERISH THEM! I'LL CHERISH THEM FOR-EVER!
doom
WAIT A SEC
THE SHELF THAT CALORIEMATE BOX WAS STICKING OUT FROM... WHY IS THERE A CURTAIN OVER IT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU..
RE-MEM-BER...
..HOW YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THAT?
you were over the moon...
YOU'RE KIDDING ME
I PUT THEM IN A BAGGY IN THE FREEZER.

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, YOU KNOW?
IT'S JUST A PLACE TO STORE AND DISPLAY THE STUFF I'VE BEEN COLLECTING, LIKE MOMO-KUN'S USED GOODS AND EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLES... AND GRAVEL THAT ENDED UP IN MOMO-KUN'S SHOES AND SO ON...
WAIT, DID YOU JUST SAY "DISPLAY"?
creepy...
shwoop
WHOA!
FAST!
W-WELL...
UM...
OKAY, GIRL, WHAT IS GOING ON? ARE YOU HIDING THINGS IN THERE?!
...
tears
flinch
CENSORED
...
L-LET ME SEE BEHIND THERE.
WAAAH!
NO, NO, NO!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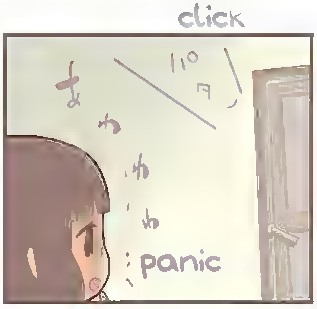
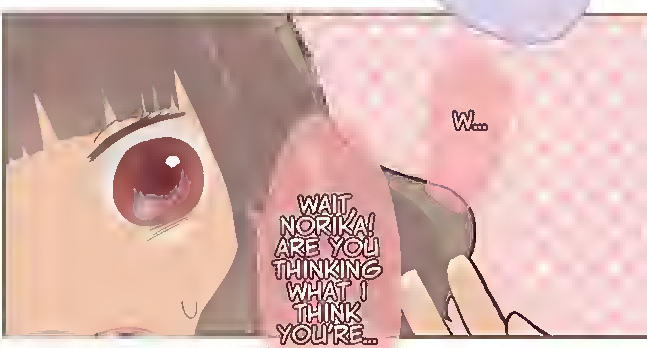
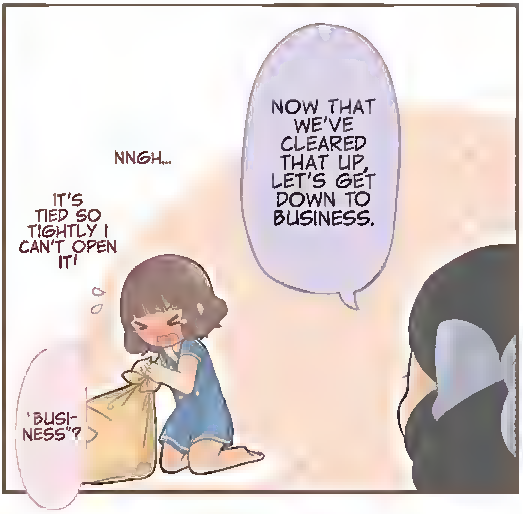

click
panic

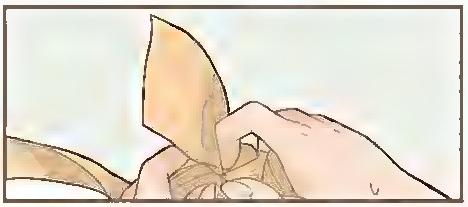
THOSE ARE...
GARBAGE BAGS?!
I got them from your mom.
MM-HM. DON'T FORGET TO SORT FOR RECYCLING.


W...
WAIT, NORIKA! ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE...

THERE.

HAVE YOU MET UP WITH MOMO-KUN SINCE WE SPENT THAT DAY AT THE POOL?


NOW THAT WE'VE CLEARED THAT UP, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
NNGH...
IT'S TIED SO TIGHTLY I CAN'T OPEN IT!
'BUSI-NESS'?



BUT..

WE'VE TALKED ON THE PHONE...
HOW SHOULD I ACT...?
I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYMORE!
WELL, WELL...

IT'S LIKE...
MY HEART'S POUNDING EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE...

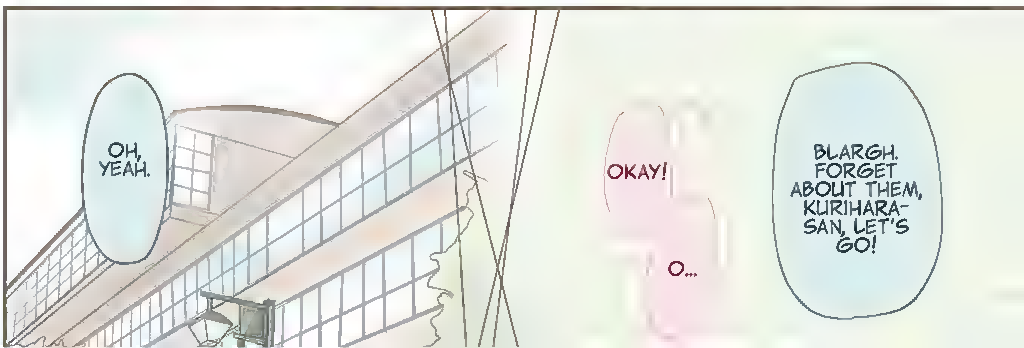
SO, WHAT HAPPENED?
N..
NOTHING REALLY.
IT'S JUST...
BUT I..
ACTUALLY...
LATELY IT'S LIKE..
I LIKE MOMO-KUN SO MUCH THAT I THINK I MIGHT HAVE GONE CRAZY!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW?!
YEAH, THAT'S NOT JUST "LATELY."

...
SUMMER VACATION DREW TO A CLOSE...
bing
bong
AND TODAY'S THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW TERM.
momo-kun's wearing a necktie today for the new term assembly!
HOW SHOULD I TALK TO HER?
UHHH...

EP32: NORMAL FOR KURIHARA-SAN

OH MY STARS.
I...
YOU KNOW, I CAN SEE YOU.
HYAA!

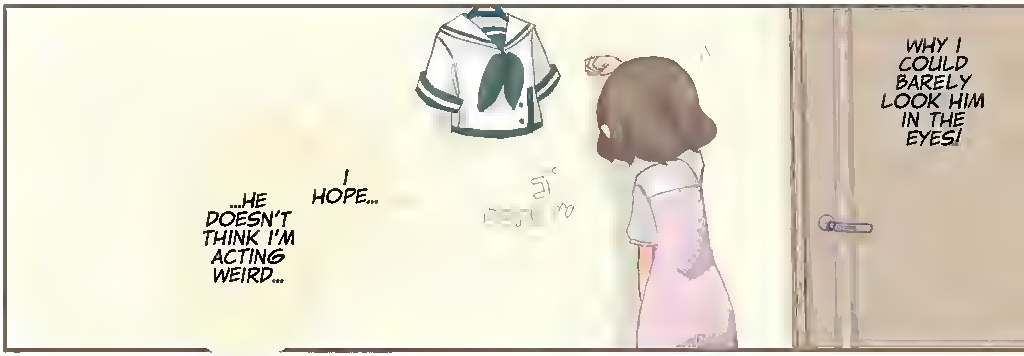
I THINK MOMO-CHAN...
..ISN'T QUITE TALL ENOUGH FOR THAT.
gettin' all cozy out in public...
ARE WE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE TRENDY "KABE DON" FIRSTHAND?
I WASN'T GONNA DO THAT, YOU DORK!
why are you talking like that anyway?

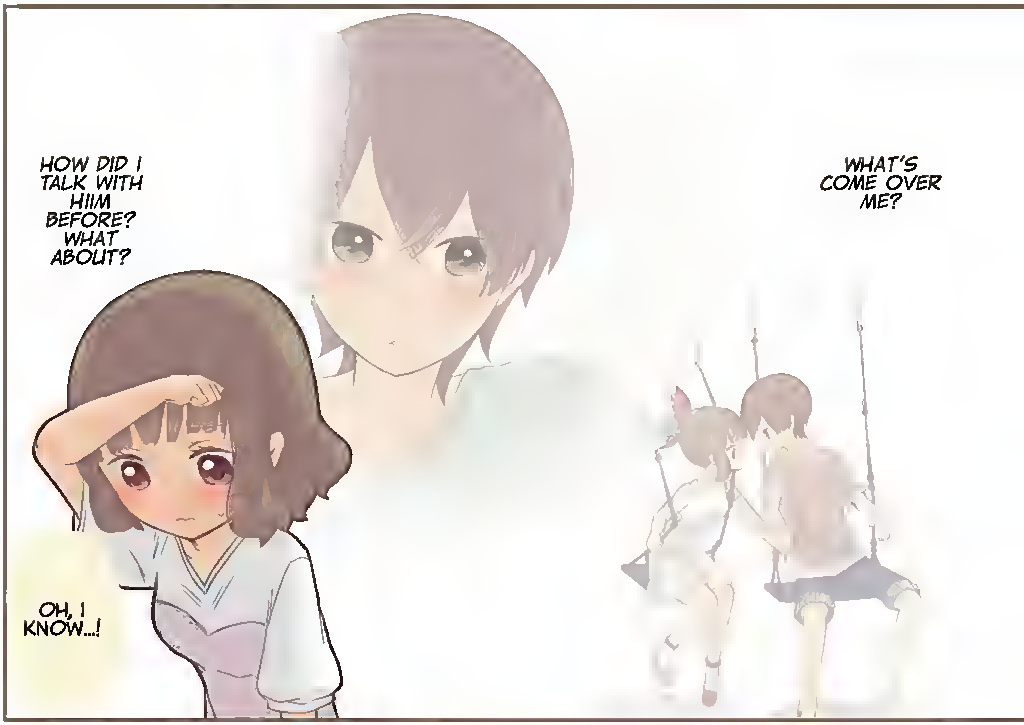

OH, YEAH.
OKAY!
O...
BLARGH. FORGET ABOUT THEM, KURIHARA-SAN, LET'S GO!

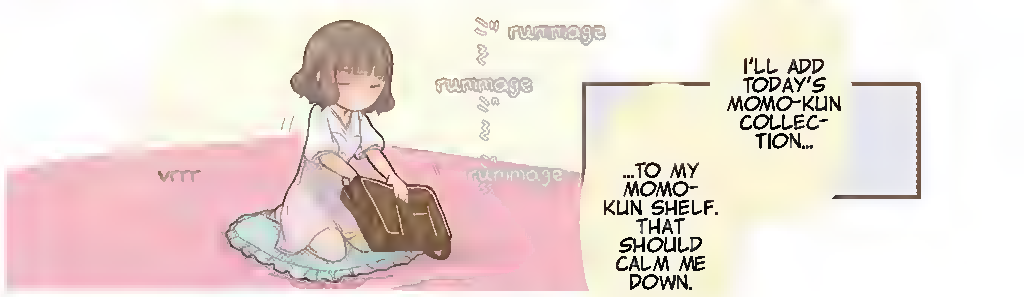
THAT WAS...
...BECAUSE MOMO-KUN...
SEEMED LIKE YOU GOT SUPER BUSY IN THE SECOND HALF OF VACATION.
WAS EVERY-THING OKAY?
AH!

WHAT DO I DO?
SEEING HIM TODAY...
IT HAD BEEN SOOOO LONG... MAYBE THAT'S WHY I...

blush
F..
FAMILY SHTUFF!
"SHTUFF"...
...
OH, OKAY...
OHHH...


WHY I COULD BARELY LOOK HIM IN THE EYES!
I HOPE...
...HE DOESN'T THINK I'M ACTING WEIRD...


HOW DID I TALK WITH HIIM BEFORE? WHAT ABOUT?
OH, I KNOW...!
WHAT'S COME OVER ME?


rummage
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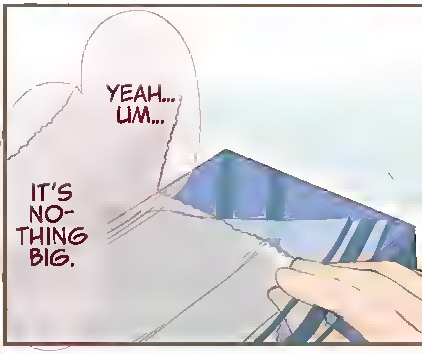
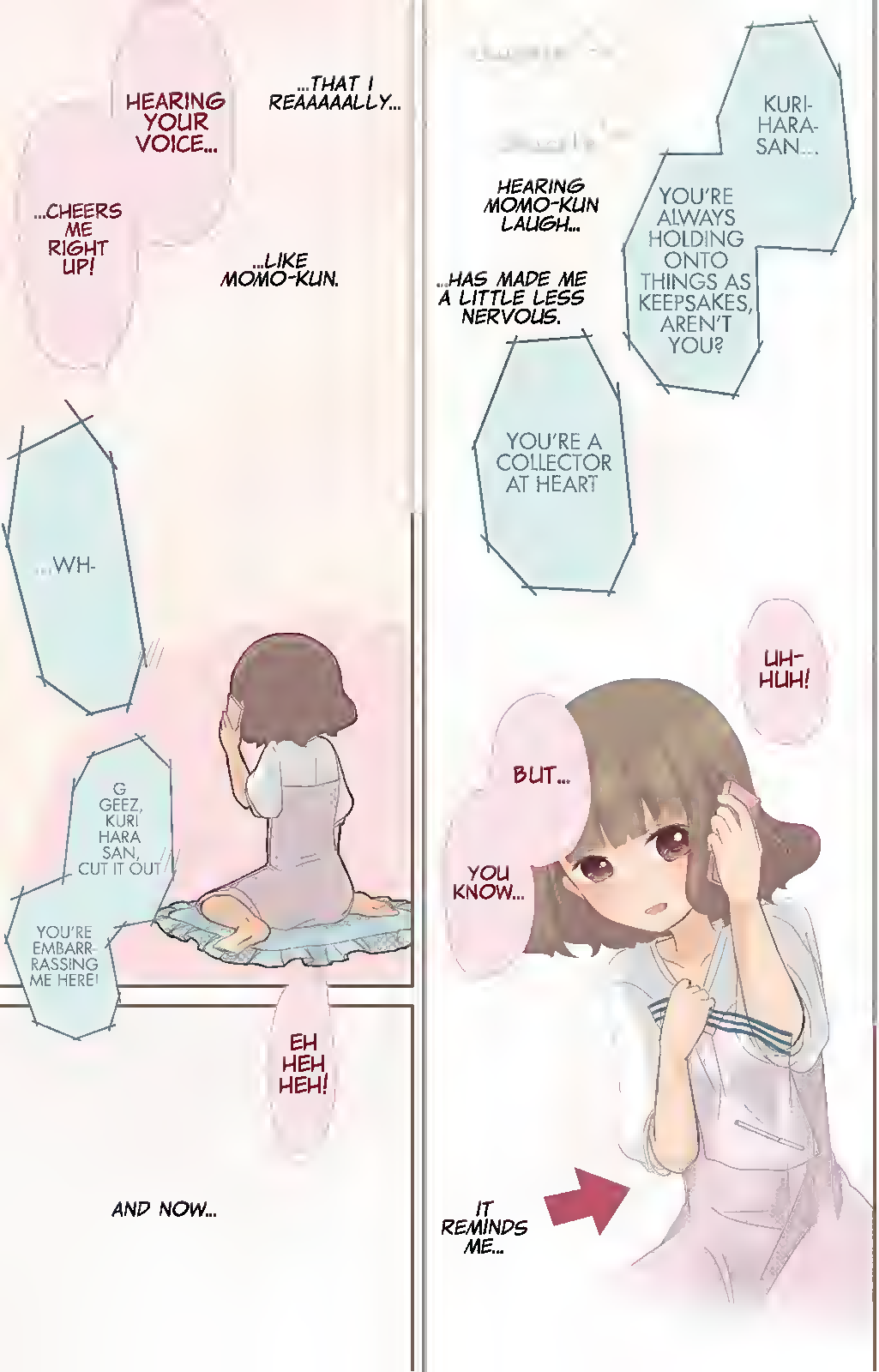
vrrr
I'LL ADD TODAY'S MOMO-KUN COLLEC-TION...
...TO MY MOMO-KUN SHELF. THAT SHOULD CALM ME DOWN.

HEE-
HI!
hello!
...ah.
O-OH, NO, IT'S, YES!
HHEY, KURIHARA-SAN SORRY FOR CALLING OUT OF THE BLUE
ガ ガ
VIT VIT
!!
eeehhh?!
HE'S CALLING ME?!
OH YEAH UH
SORRY, I DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE A REASON TO CALL?
DID YOU MAKE IT HOME ALREADY? YOU CAN TALK, RIGHT?
CUT-TING IN.
IT'S PERFECT-LY FINE!
PFF
YUP THAT'S YOU
chuckle
UM...?
HE LAUGHED AT ME...
KURIHARA SPEAK-ING!!



THE TRUTH IS, I WAS JUST TOO NERVOUS TO SEE MOMO-KUN!

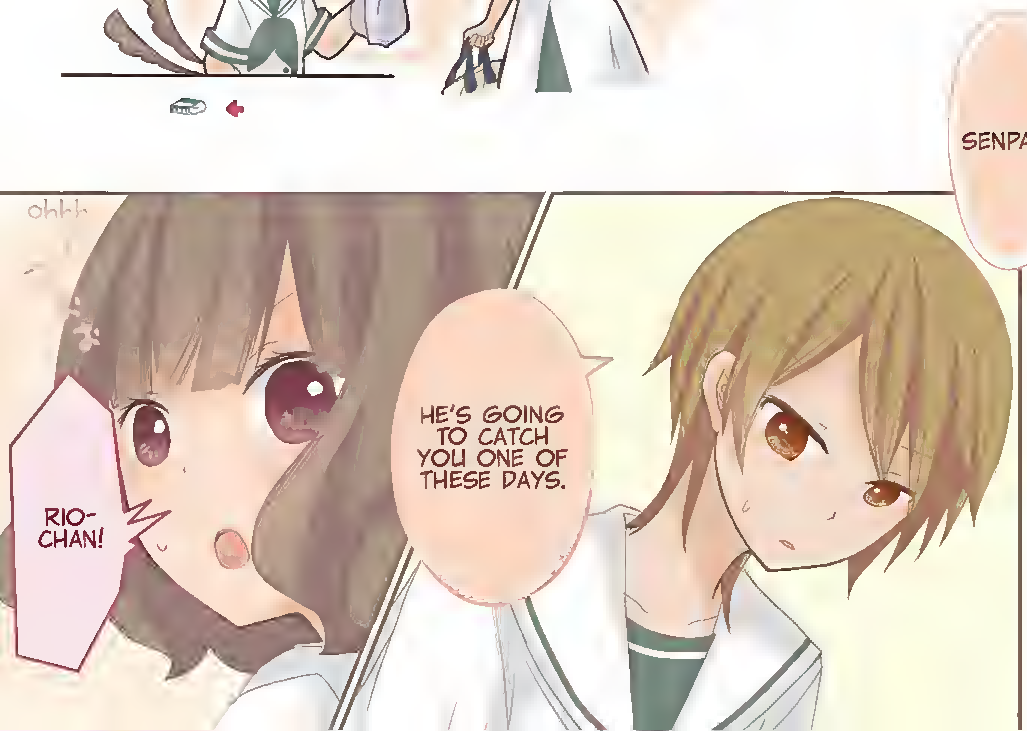

HEARING YOUR VOICE...
...THAT I REAAAAALLY...
...CHEERS ME RIGHT UP!
...LIKE MOMO-KUN.
...WH-
G GEEZ, KURI HARA SAN, CUT IT OUT!
YOU'RE EMBARR-RASSING ME HERE!
EH HEH HEH!
AND NOW...
KURI-HARA-SAN...
YOU'RE ALWAYS HOLDING ONTO THINGS AS KEEPSAKES, AREN'T YOU?
HEARING MOMO-KUN LAUGH...
...HAS MADE ME A LITTLE LESS NERVOUS.
YOU'RE A COLLECTOR AT HEART
UH-HUH!
BUT...
YOU KNOW...
IT REMINDS ME...

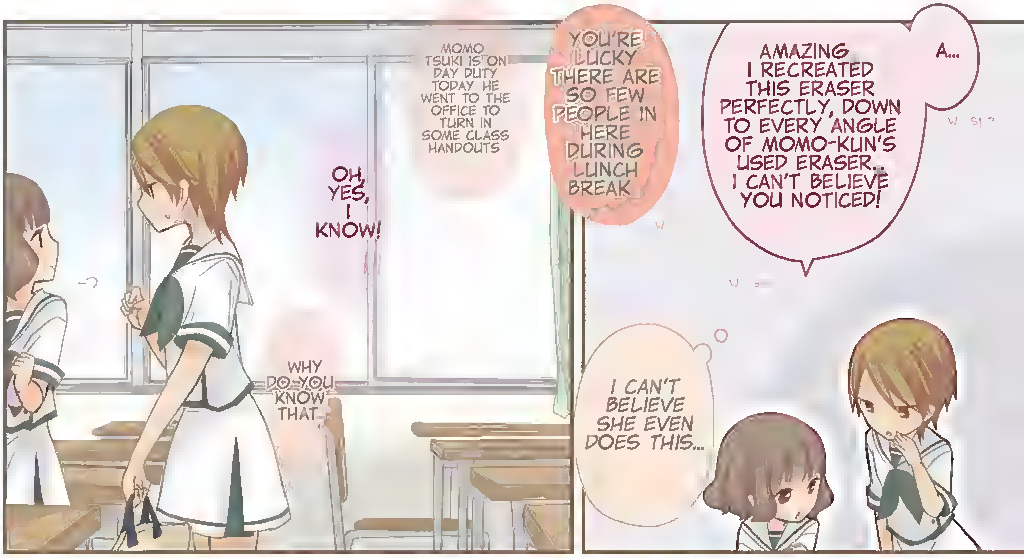
...I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW, WHEN I CAN SEE YOU AGAIN!

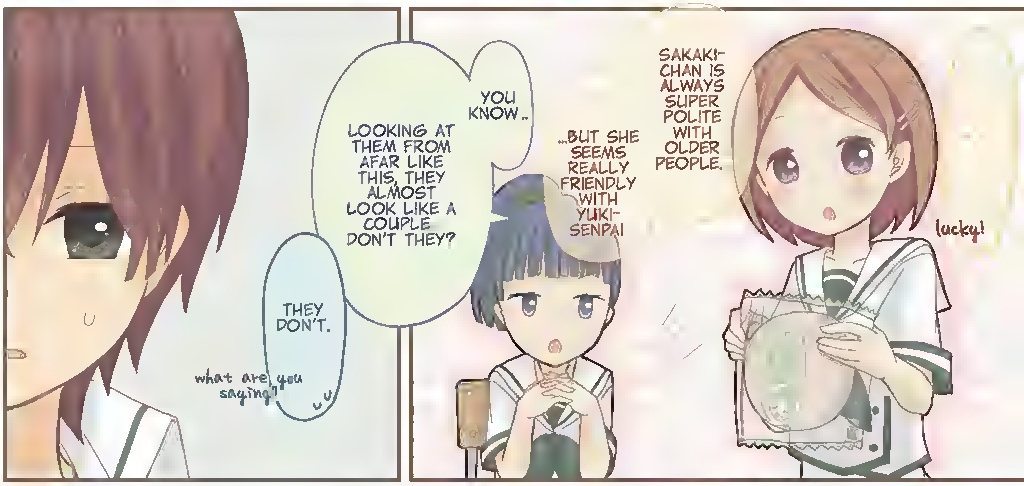
LET'S PUT THIS...

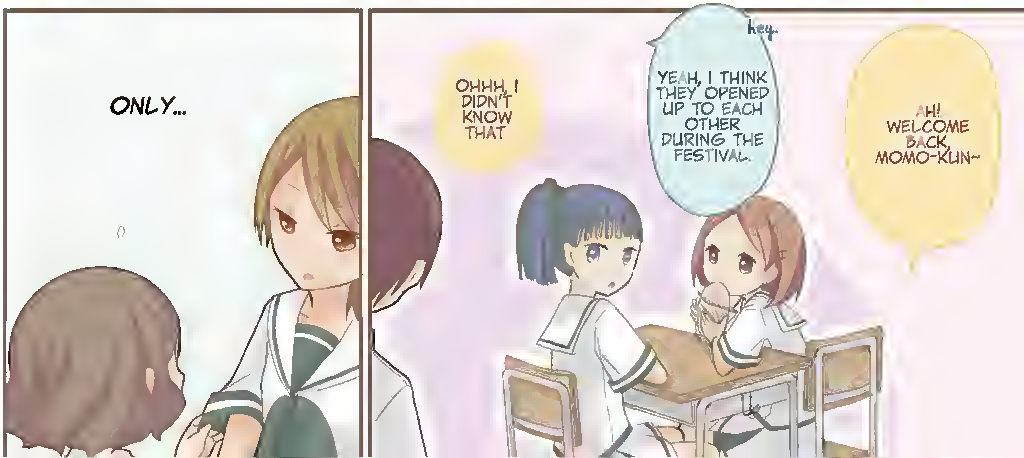
...BACK TO NORMAL!

EP33: SHARED SECRET



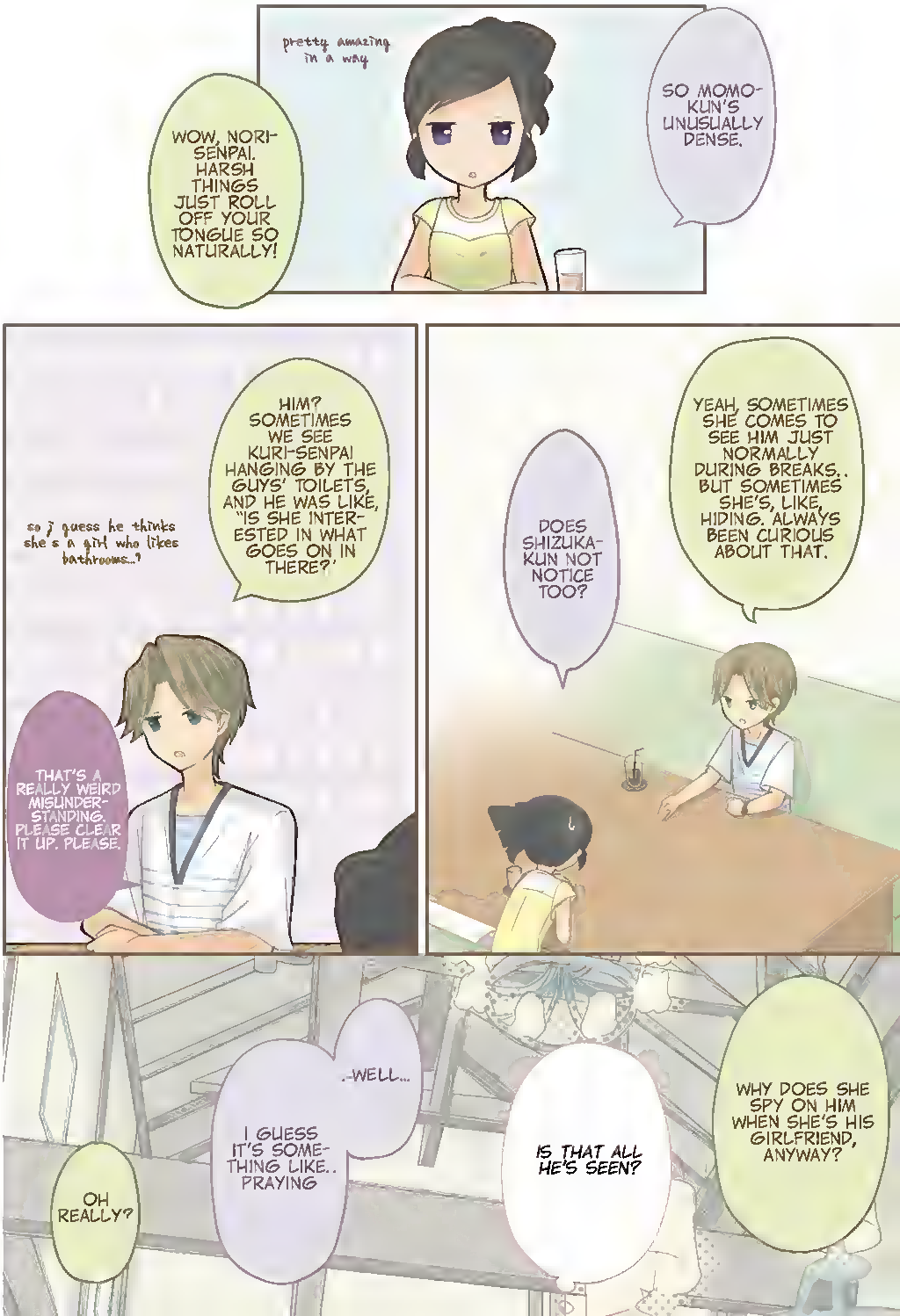

MOMO TSUKI IS ON DAY DUTY TODAY. HE WENT TO THE OFFICE TO TURN IN SOME CLASS HANDOUTS
OH, YES, I KNOW!
WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT-
YOU'RE LUCKY THERE ARE SO FEW PEOPLE IN HERE DURING LUNCH BREAK
A...
AMAZING I RECREATED THIS ERASER PERFECTLY, DOWN TO EVERY ANGLE OF MOMO-KUN'S USED ERASER... I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU NOTICED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE EVEN DOES THIS...


YOU KNOW..
LOOKING AT THEM FROM AFAR LIKE THIS, THEY ALMOST LOOK LIKE A COUPLE DON'T THEY?
THEY DON'T.
what are you saying? ∪∪
...BUT SHE SEEMS REALLY FRIENDLY WITH YUKI-SENPAI
SAKAKI-CHAN IS ALWAYS SUPER POLITE WITH OLDER PEOPLE.
lucky!


ONLY...
OHHH, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
hey.
YEAH, I THINK THEY OPENED UP TO EACH OTHER DURING THE FESTIVAL.
AH! WELCOME BACK, MOMO-KUN~

I'M PRETTY SURE THOSE TWO...
HUH...
I REALLY WONDER ABOUT THAT.
...KNEW EACH OTHER BEFORE THEN.

HEY, KURIHARA-SAN. WANT TO EAT OUTSIDE? IT'S NICE OUT
OKAY!
SEE YOU LATER, RIO-CHAN!
ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE POOL DAY...
I HAD A FEELING.
...
...


pretty amazing in a way
WOW, NORI-SENPAI. HARSH THINGS JUST ROLL OFF YOUR TONGUE SO NATURALLY!
SO MOMO-KUN'S UNUSUALLY DENSE.
so I guess he thinks she's a girl who likes bathrooms...?
HIM? SOMETIMES WE SEE KURI-SENPAI HANGING BY THE GUYS' TOILETS, AND HE WAS LIKE, "IS SHE INTERESTED IN WHAT GOES ON IN THERE?'
THAT'S A REALLY WEIRD MISUNDERSTANDING. PLEASE CLEAR IT UP. PLEASE.
DOES SHIZUKA-KUN NOT NOTICE TOO?
YEAH, SOMETIMES SHE COMES TO SEE HIM JUST NORMALLY DURING BREAKS.. BUT SOMETIMES SHE'S, LIKE, HIDING. ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THAT.
OH REALLY?
I GUESS IT'S SOMETHING LIKE.. PRAYING
..WELL...
IS THAT ALL HE'S SEEN?
WHY DOES SHE SPY ON HIM WHEN SHE'S HIS GIRLFRIEND, ANYWAY?

I MEAN, I'M NOT GONNA RAT HER OUT TO MOMO OR WHATEVER.
IS SHE BUTTERING ME UP?
...
HEY...
YOU'RE A PRETTY NICE GUY, SAWAGUCHI-KUN.
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T ASK YUKI HERSELF.
ACTUALLY
...THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT.
OKAY, SO SHE'S JUST HARD TO READ.
does she really mean that?
LIKE I SAID, YOU SEEM LIKE A NICE GUY.
I KNOW?
?
i don't think...
...you would?

I THINK A GUY LIKE MOMO...
...WOULD BE HAPPY FOR THE ATTENTION, EVEN IF THE SHAPE IT COMES IN IS A LITTLE WEIRD...

I MEAN...
I DON'T THINK IT'D CAUSE A PROBLEM EVEN IF I SNITCHED TO HIM..
BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S MY BUSINESS, EITHER.
and both older girls seem to want to keep it a secret.

BUT YEAH...

"WHAT'S SHE LIKE?"
"SAKAKI RIO-CHAN, I MEAN."

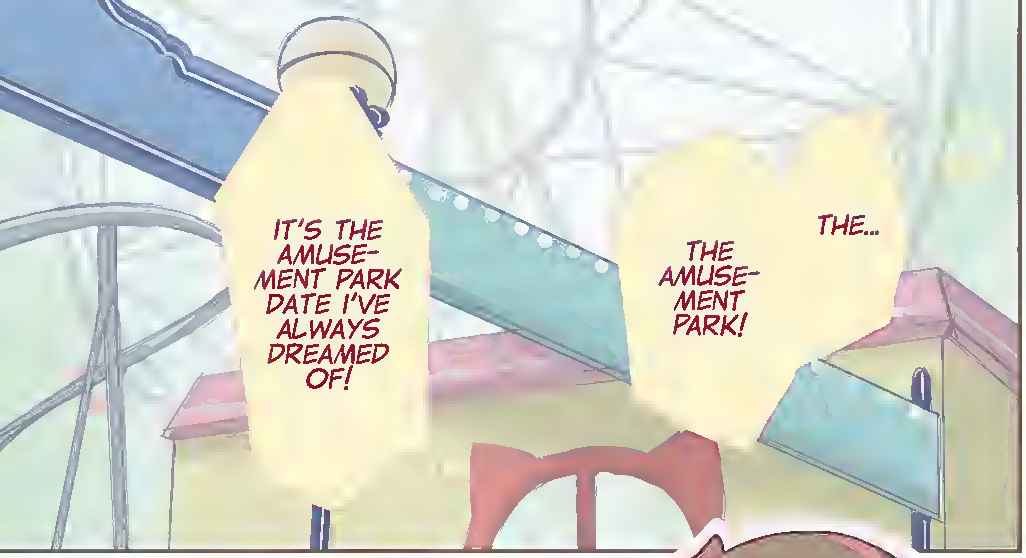
...
WHY DID NORI-SENPAI ASK THAT OUT OF NOWHERE?
Is she a closet sakaki fangirl?

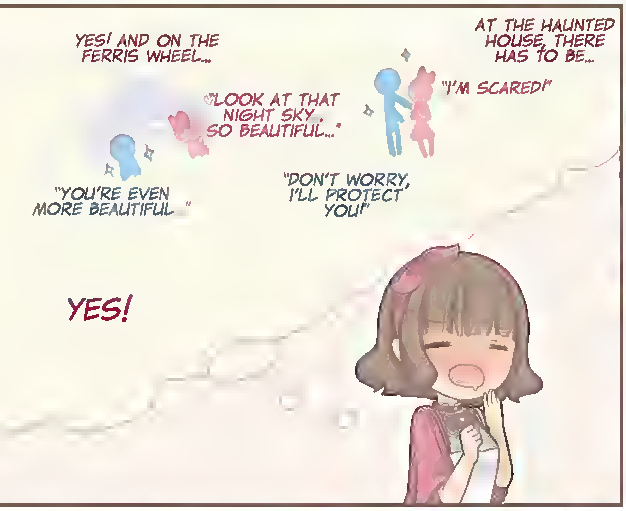
MOMO-KUN!
LET'S GATHER UP OUR TRASH!
THANKS.
WANT ME TO TAKE IT TO THE GARBAGE CAN?
I CAN DO THAT!

STRAW: MINE!

?
HERE.
THESE ARE YOURS!
EP34: MY HEART'S HERE
OH!
ARE THESE PHOTOS FROM THE BARBECUE, AND THE POOL, AND ALL?
WOW! YOU EVEN PUT TOGETHER A PHOTO ALBUM FOR ME?
UH-HUH!
I THOUGHT, WHY NOT MAKE IT A KEEPSAKE?
THERE ARE LOTS OF PICTURES OF YOU TOO, MOMO-KUN! IT'S ALL YOURS!
OH, WOW, THERE ARE!
HAHA, IT WASN'T EVEN THAT LONG AGO AND IT ALREADY FEELS NOS-TALGIC.
OH, OH! IN THIS ONE, THE WATER SPRAY MADE A RAINBOW, AND I CAUGHT IT ON CAMERA!
AND THIS ONE...
IS A CLOSE-UP OF YOU!
OH, JEEZ, WHEN DID YOU EVEN TAKE THIS?!

YOU KNOW, I...
I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE MANY PHOTOS OF MYSELF.
THIS KINDA MAKES ME HAPPY.
YOU REALLY LIKE TAKING PHOTOS, HUH, KURIHARA-SAN?
I SURE DO!
MOSTLY PICTURES OF YOU!
OH YEAH. KURIHARA-SAN!
SINCE WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING OVER VACATION... I MEAN, WITH JUST THE TWO OF US.. LET ME TAKE YOU OUT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTOS.
WAIT...
ISN'T MOMO-KUN'S DAD A...
...HUH?
THANKS
OH, NOT AT ALL! I'M GLAD YOU'RE SO HAPPY!

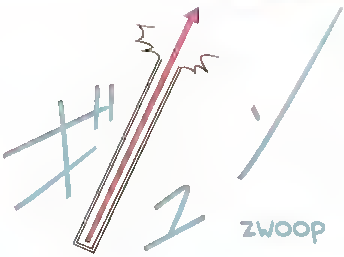

IT'S THE AMUSE-MENT PARK DATE I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!
THE AMUSE-MENT PARK!
THE...


YES! AND ON THE FERRIS WHEEL...
"LOOK AT THAT NIGHT SKY... SO BEAUTIFUL..."
"YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL."
AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE, THERE HAS TO BE...
"I'M SCARED!"
"DON'T WORRY, I'LL PROTECT YOU!"
YES!

TH-THANKS, MOMO-KUN!
YOU'RE SUCH A GENTLEMAN FOR SAYING...! SHOULD WAIT IN THE SHADE!
THE LINE FOR TICKETS WAS PRETTY CROWDED, SO I JUMPED IN THERE.
sorry for leaving you alone

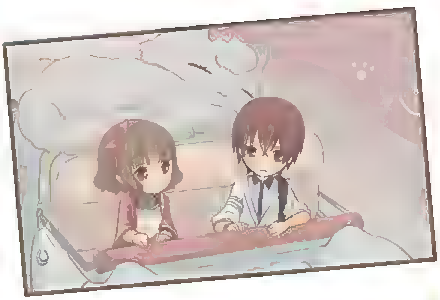
I'M BACK.
KURI-HARA-SAN!
SO MANY LITTLE MOMENTS I CAN EXPECT TO HAPPEN HERE!

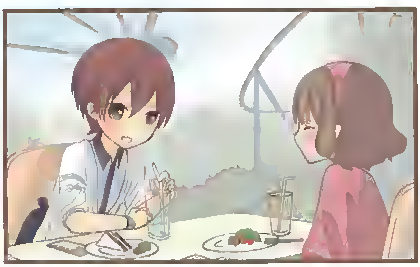
...
WANNA...
NO PROB.
SHALL WE?
?
..HOLD HANDS?
!
Y...
YES!
clamp
?!



KURIHARA SATISFACITON METER

WE HAVEN'T EVEN GONE ON ANY RIDES YET AND I'M ALREADY 100% SATISFIED...!





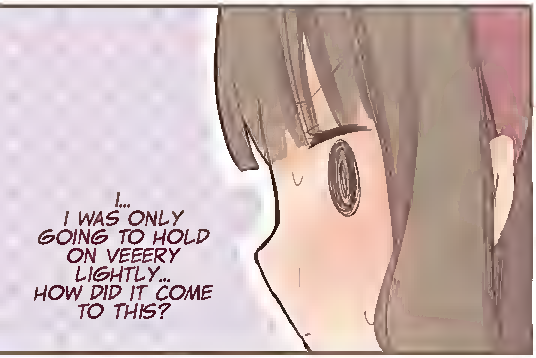
I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T LIKE SCARY THINGS.
I'M SURPRISED YOU WANT TO GO IN HERE.
* HAUNTED HOUSE
clench
OH, YES! I'M EX-TREMELY BAD WITH SCARY THINGS!
so would you mind terribly if I held onto your arm?!
WHY IS IT THAT HER WORDS AND HER EXPRESSION DON'T MATCH?
OH, UM, ARE YOU BAD WITH SCARY THINGS, TOO, MOMO-KUN?
NAH
HAUNTED HOUSES AREN'T SCARY! NO PROBLEM!
my arm's all yours
YEAH...
HAUNTED HOUSES...
...DON'T SCARE ME... BUT, UH...

squish
THE REST OF THIS SITUATION...
...IS KINDA NERVE-WRACKING...!
SOFT...
S...
...!
YOU...
?!
...PERV!

AM I GONNA FREAK OUT BECAUSE OF, UH, SOMETHING ELSE?

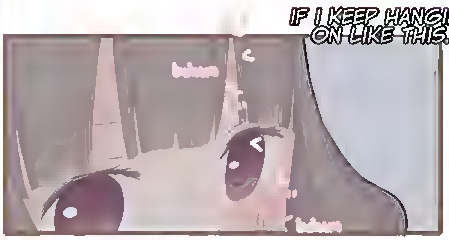
KINDA WORRIED...

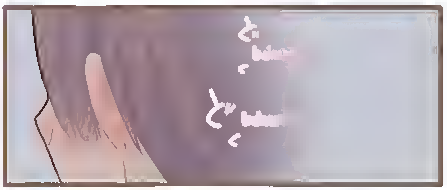
I SQUEEZED HIM...
...TOO TIGHT!


I... I WAS ONLY GOING TO HOLD ON VEEERY LIGHTLY... HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?

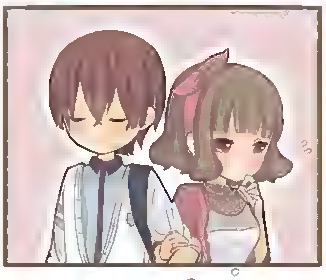
EP35: THE HEART'S HERE
H...
HANGING ONTO HIS ARM IS GREAT, BUT THERE'S ONE DRAWBACK..

bum
IF I... WEAK MY HEART BEAT!
?!
M- MOMO- KUN?! ARE YOU OKAY?!

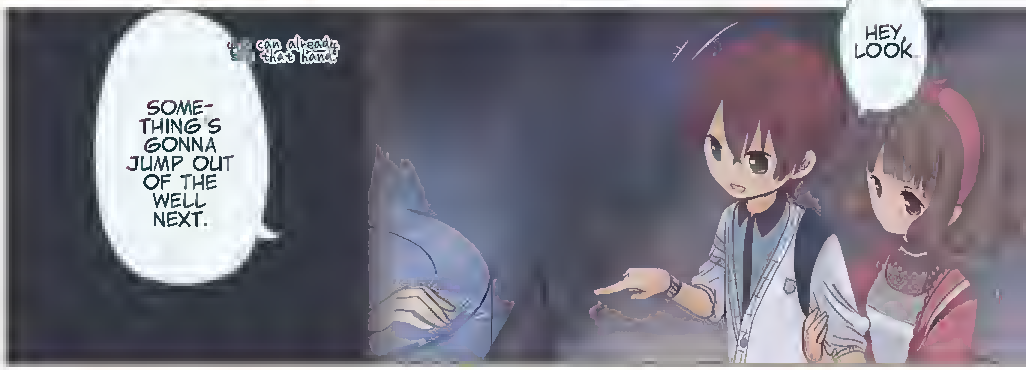

IF I KEEP HANGING ON LIKE THIS...
bdum
bdum

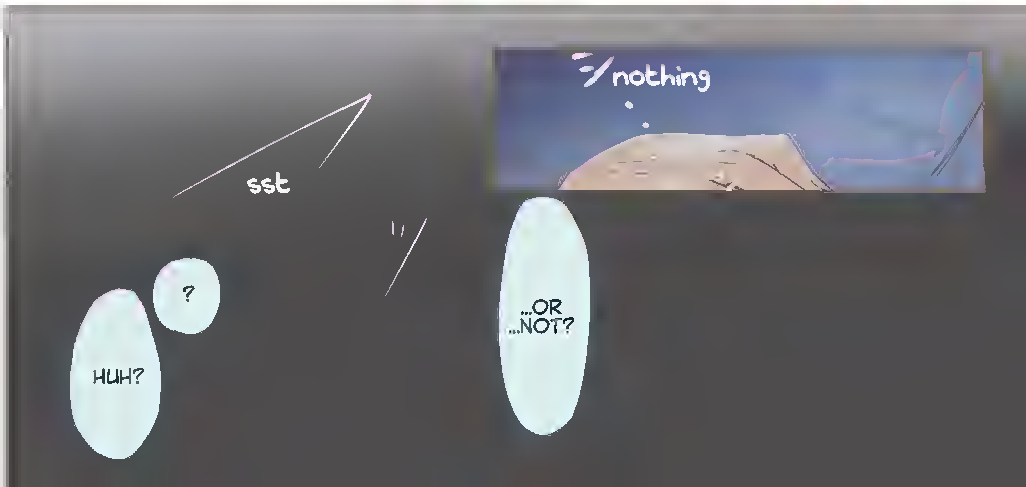

bdum

H... HA HA...
THE ONLY "SCARY" THING HERE IS THAT IT'S DARK.
UH-HUH! THE CAT MONSTER EARLIER WAS ACTUALLY KINDA CUTE!
It looks like there are only mechanical monsters that don't run autonomically, too.


LETS GO A LITTLE

L...
LUCKY...

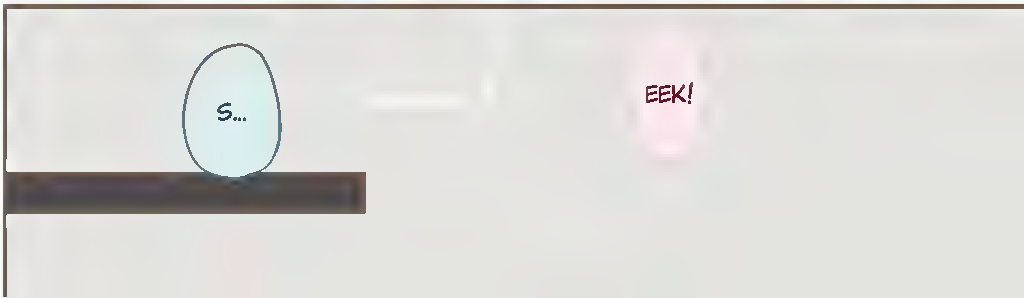

SOME-THING'S GONNA JUMP OUT OF THE WELL NEXT.
can already tell that's bait
HEY, LOOK


nothing
sst
?
HUH?
...OR ...NOT?

can't even see my own feet...
BLACK-OUT, MAYBE?
panic
I... I'M SCARED OF THE DARK!
OH, OH GOSH! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
KURI-HARA-SAN?
!
AH...
panic
DID... ALL OF THE LIGHTS JUST GO OUT?
?!!
N...
NO!
SHE'S SHAKING...
I KNOW. MY PHONE!
IT'S IN MY BAG. COULD YOU LET GO FOR A SEC?
squeeeze
K...
KURI-HARA-SAN?

WHY DON'T WE MOVE AGAINST A WALL?
IF WE FOLLOW IT, I BET WE'LL FIND AN EMER-GENCY EXIT.
O-OKAY!

C...
CUTE...
quiver
I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE'S REALLY NEEDED ME...!


S...
EEK!

ARE YOU HURT?
N-NO!
twist
I'M O-
OW!
what is it?!
?!
my feet just couldn't move right...
I'M SORRY...
SORRY...
ARE YOU OKAY?
OH GOD...
ack..
IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE HOW TO UN-TANGLE IT-
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST SIT HERE AND SEE IF THE LIGHTS COME BACK ON
URGH...
I'm so sorry...
MY HAIR...
..YOUR BUT-TON..
I think it's caught on it.

...
YOU CAN LEAN ON ME, YOU KNOW.
AH...
HOLDING MYSELF UP LIKE THIS IS KIND OF... HARD...
but mama- kun smells so good. Hiss!
UH!
UHM!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD YOURSELF UP. IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN LEAN ON ME.
OH!
UH! WAH!
hug
unless you...
...DON'T WANNA?

badum
AH...
badum
shake
shake
HUH...
MOMO-KUN'S HEART-BEAT...
IT'S FAST, TOO...
squeeze
HYAAA!
WHEN I CAUGHT HER AFTER SHE FELL ON THE SWINGS, SHE RAN AWAY AS QUICK AS LIGHTNING.
badum
WHEN WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN UNTIL THE NEW TERM, I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT RUN OFF AGAIN..
badum
badum

WE GOT DISCOUNT TICKETS OUT OF IT, SO I GUESS ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL?
THEY SAID THE POWER WENT OUT IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE BECAUSE OF ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS, HUH?
ANYWAY...

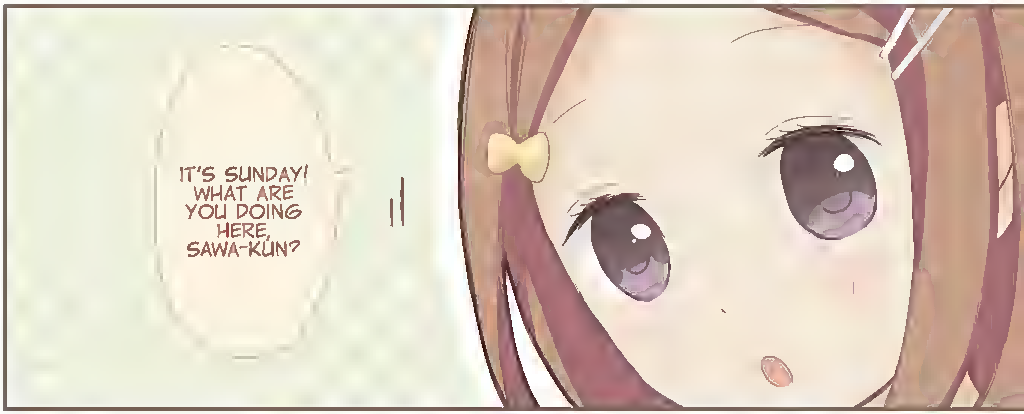
HAHA, YOU'RE OVER-REACT-ING.
I'LL TREA-SURE IT AS AN HEIR-LOOM!

ACT-UALLY...
WE HELD HANDS...
AND, UH..

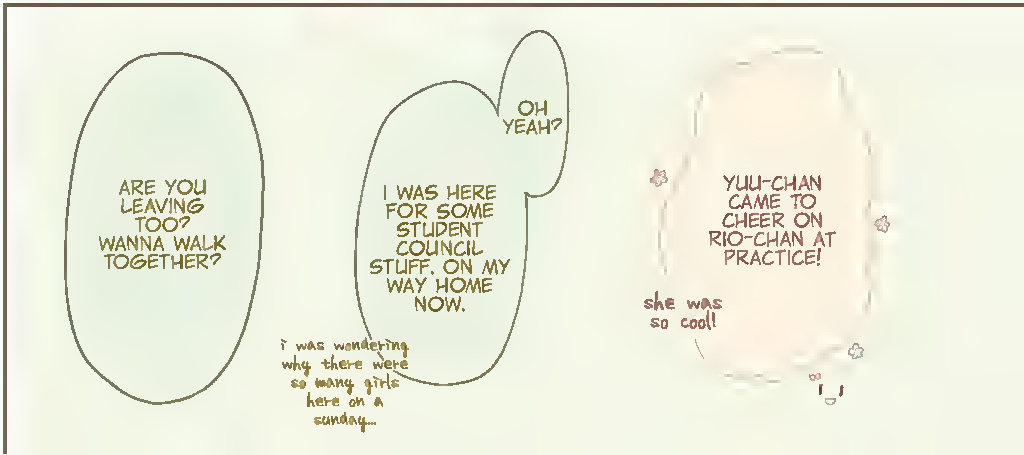
ARE... ARE YOU SURE I CAN HAVE YOUR BUTTON?
SURE...
WE HAVE EXTRA ONES AT HOME ANYWAY.

...
HUH?

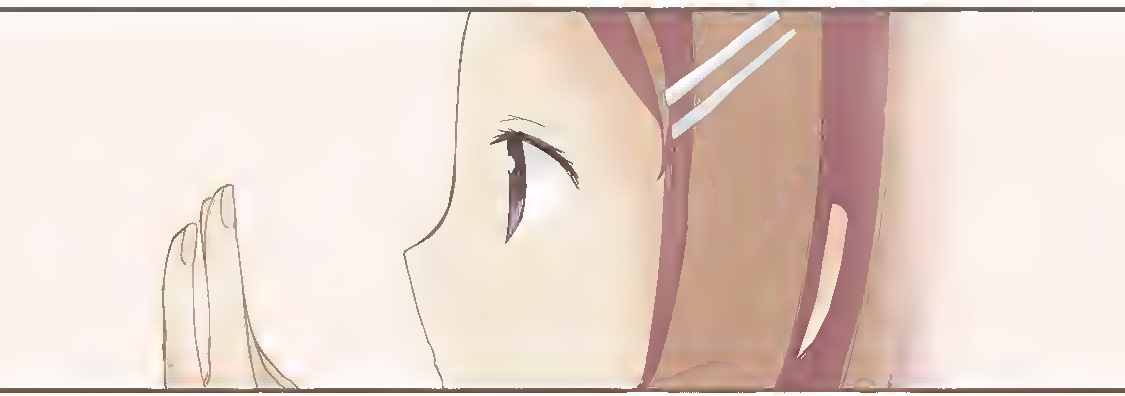
EVEN KINDA HUGGED, BUT...
SHE LOOKS HAPPIER ABOUT THIS?
GIRLS ARE COMPLI-CATED.


IT'S SUNDAY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SAWA-KUN?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT SCHOOL YOURSELF, SHIMADA?
?


ARE YOU LEAVING TOO? WANNA WALK TOGETHER?
OH YEAH?
I WAS HERE FOR SOME STUDENT COUNCIL STUFF. ON MY WAY HOME NOW.
I was wondering why there were so many girls here on a sunday...
YUU-CHAN CAME TO CHEER ON RIO-CHAN AT PRACTICE!
she was so cool!

AHH...
YUU-CHAN, SHE...
...
RIO-CHAN'S IN A TEAM MEETING RIGHT NOW.
I WAS GONNA WAIT FOR HER TO GO HOME WITH HER... SO...
COOL BEANS.
HAD SOME-THING ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF?
Y..
YEAH!
MKAY!
SEE YOU LATER.
WHELP
SEE YA TO-MORROW
TELL SAKAKI I SAID HEY



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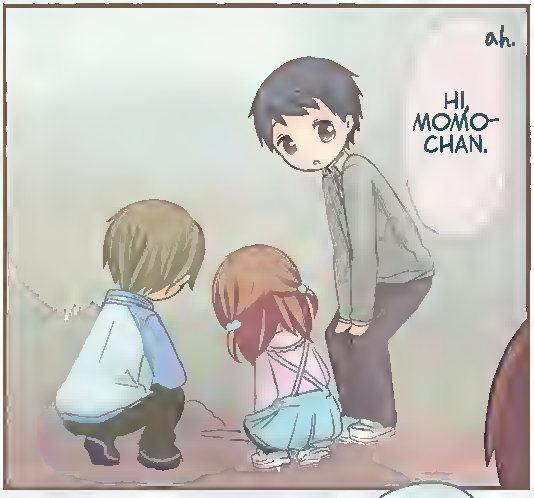
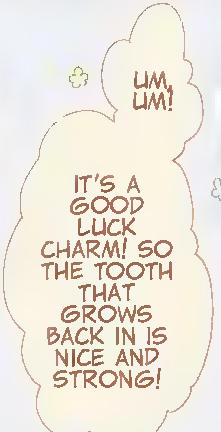
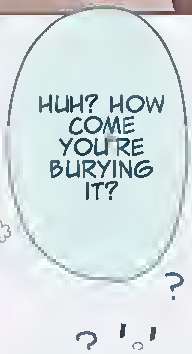
RITO-KUN....

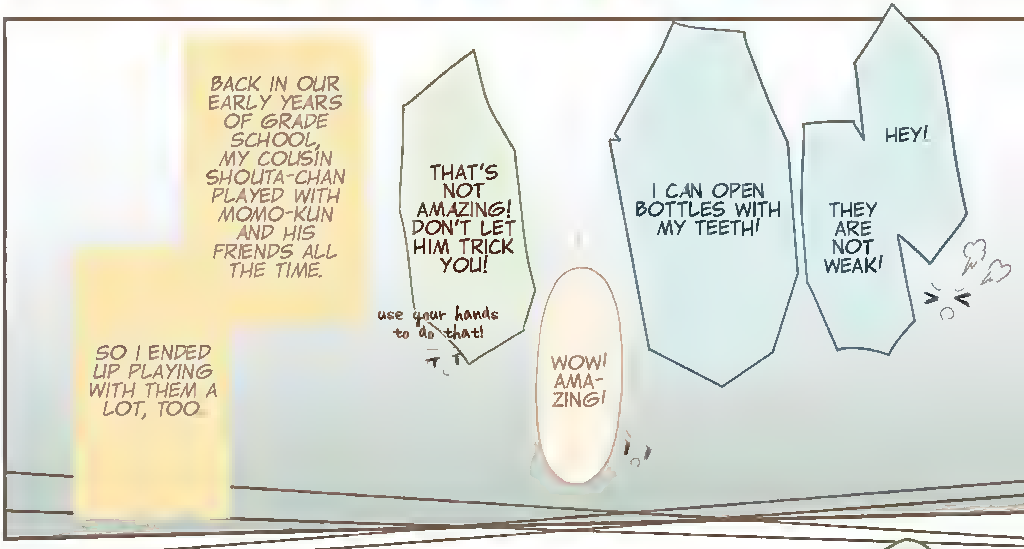
EP36: CALLING YOUR NAME



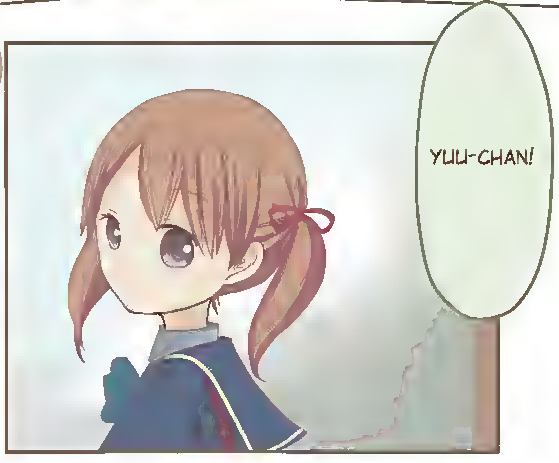




UH-OH! THEN YOUR TEETH ARE WEAKER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE'S!
I don't talk with my parents about stuff like that
WOW, REALLY? I NEVER KNEW THAT.


BACK IN OUR EARLY YEARS OF GRADE SCHOOL, MY COUSIN SHOUTA-CHAN PLAYED WITH MOMO-KUN AND HIS FRIENDS ALL THE TIME.
SO I ENDED UP PLAYING WITH THEM A LOT, TOO.
THAT'S NOT AMAZING! DON'T LET HIM TRICK YOU!
use your hands to do that!
WOW! AMA-ZING!
I CAN OPEN BOTTLES WITH MY TEETH!
HEY!
THEY ARE NOT WEAK!

AH!
RITO-KUN!
YOU HEADIN' HOME?


YUU-CHAN!

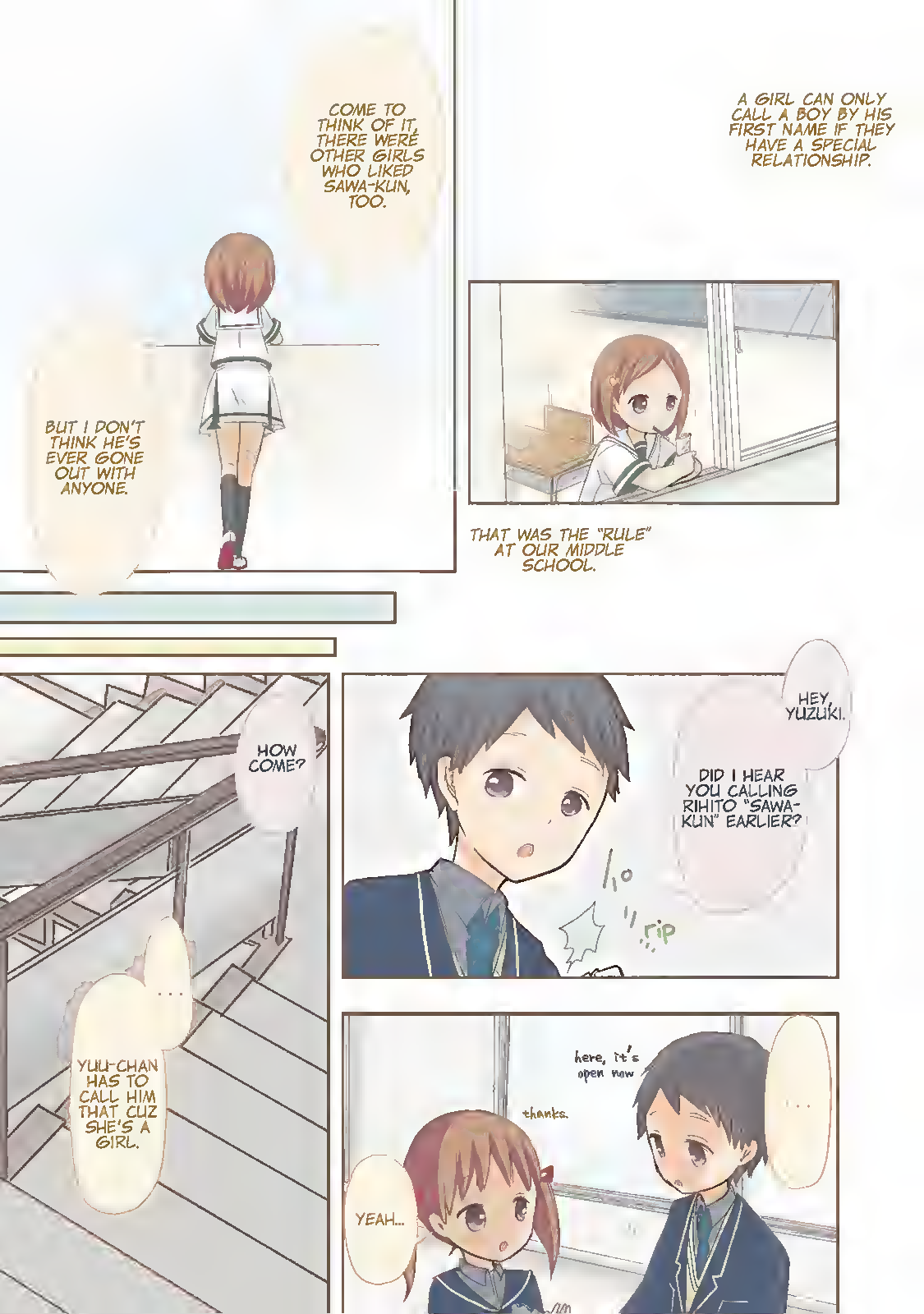
I DECIDED MY BODY COULD USE SOME REST INSTEAD.
HIS REAL NAME IS SAWAGUCHI RIHITO-KUN
RITO-KUN.
THE COACH ISN'T HERE. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PRACTICE OURSELVES, BUT WHATEVER.
nah
DO YOU NOT HAVE TRACK PRACTICE TODAY?
UH-HUH!
EXCUSE US, SHIMADA-SAN?
YOU AND YOUR SILLY EXCUSES! WE'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL NOW!
COME ON, ALWAYS RUNNING ON THE SAME TRACK IS BORING!
ahahaha
I'll run someplace near my house this evening!
?
YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH SAWAGUCHI-KUN IN CLASS 2, RIGHT?
YEAH.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I COULDN'T SAY THE "HI" IN HIS NAME
SO EVEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I KEPT CALLING HIM RITO-KUN

HUH?!
OH, NO! NO WAY!
U-UM...
IS HE DATING ANY-ONE?

WOULD YOU MIND NOT CLINGING TO HIM SO MUCH, THEN?
SHE'S KNOWN MOMO-KUN AND RITO-KUN SINCE BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL...
SHOUTA-CHAN IS YUU-CHAN'S COUSIN

SHE IS SO

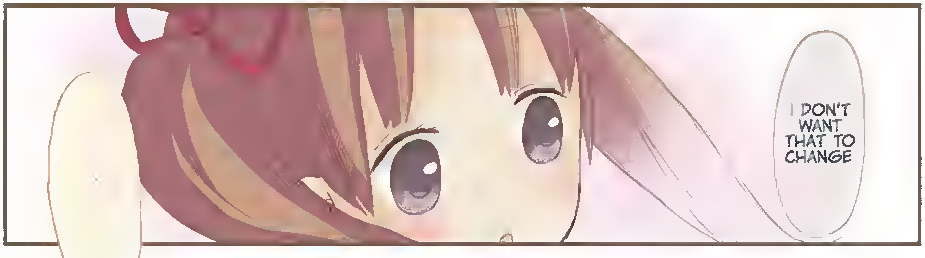
W-WAKA-CHAN! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT BLUNT!
YOU'RE NOT HIS GIRL-FRIEND. IT'S WEIRD TO CALL A BOY BY HIS FIRST NAME IF HE ISN'T YOUR BOYFRIEND.
and she acts totally cutesy!

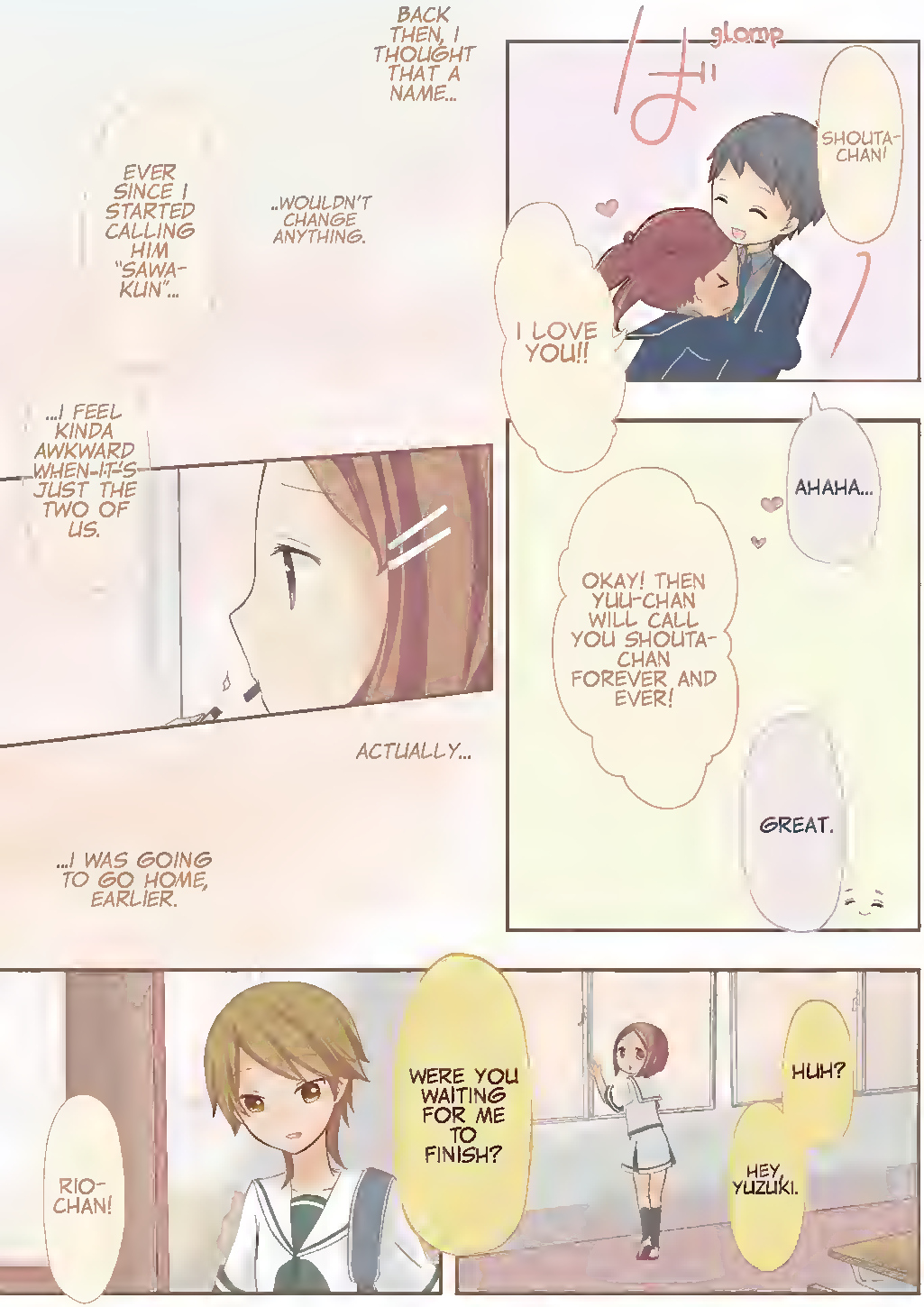

A GIRL CAN ONLY CALL A BOY BY HIS FIRST NAME IF THEY HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE WERE OTHER GIRLS WHO LIKED SAWA-KUN, TOO.
BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER GONE OUT WITH ANYONE.
THAT WAS THE "RULE" AT OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL.
HEY, YUZUKI.
DID I HEAR YOU CALLING RIHITO "SAWA-KUN" EARLIER?
rip
HOW COME?
...
YUU-CHAN HAS TO CALL HIM THAT CUZ SHE'S A GIRL.
here, it's open now
thanks.
...
YEAH...

O-
OH YEAH! SHOUTA-CHAN'S A BOY, TOO.
AH!
YUU-CHAN CAN'T CALL YOU THAT ANYMORE, CAN SHE?

DID SOME OTHER GIRLS TELL HER OFF?
YEAH?

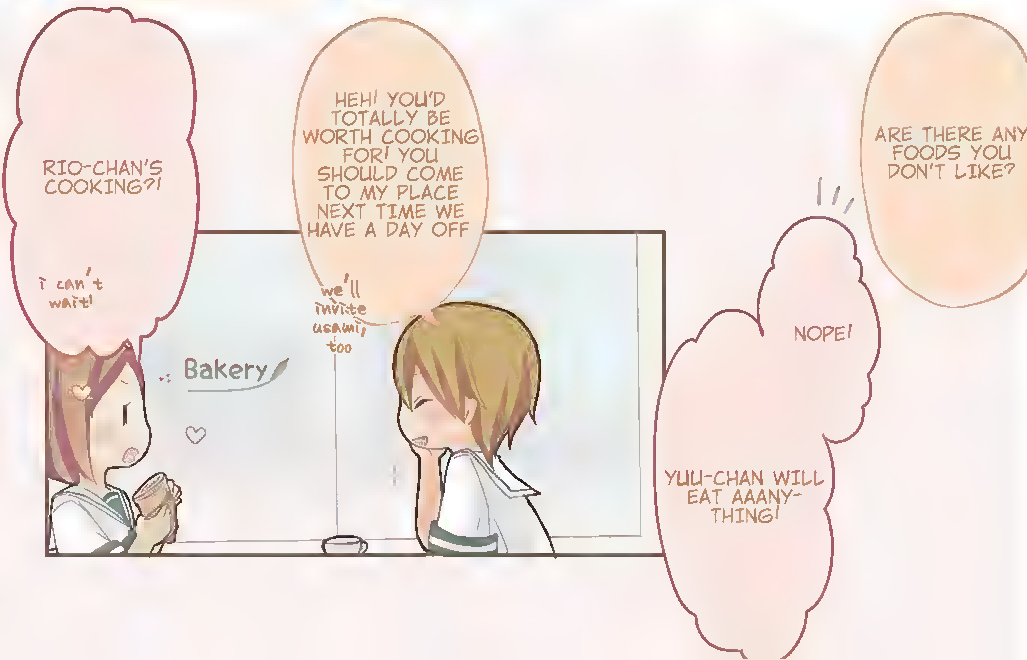
I LIKE HOW YOU CALL ME "SHOUTA-CHAN."
NOT TO MEN-TION...
AH!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
REALLY?
BUT YOU COME OVER TO MY HOUSE ALL THE TIME. WOULDN'T IT BE WEIRD IF YOU USED MY LAST NAME?
shizuka could mean anyone in my family!

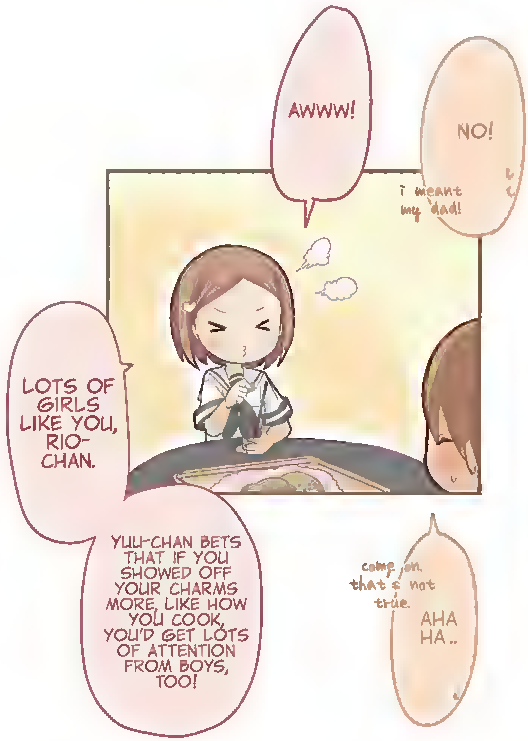

I DON'T WANT THAT TO CHANGE

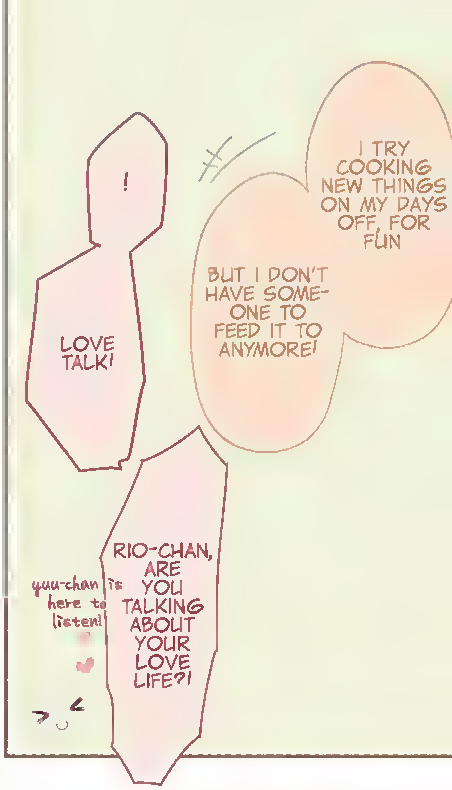

BACK THEN, I THOUGHT THAT A NAME...
EVER SINCE I STARTED CALLING HIM "SAWA-KUN"...
..WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
glomp
SHOUTA-CHAN!
I LOVE YOU!!
AHAHA...
OKAY! THEN YUU-CHAN WILL CALL YOU SHOUTA-CHAN FOREVER AND EVER!
GREAT.
...I FEEL KINDA AWKWARD WHEN-IT'S-JUST THE TWO OF US.
ACTUALLY...
...I WAS GOING TO GO HOME, EARLIER.
RIO-CHAN!
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME TO FINISH?
HUH?
HEY, YUZUKI.

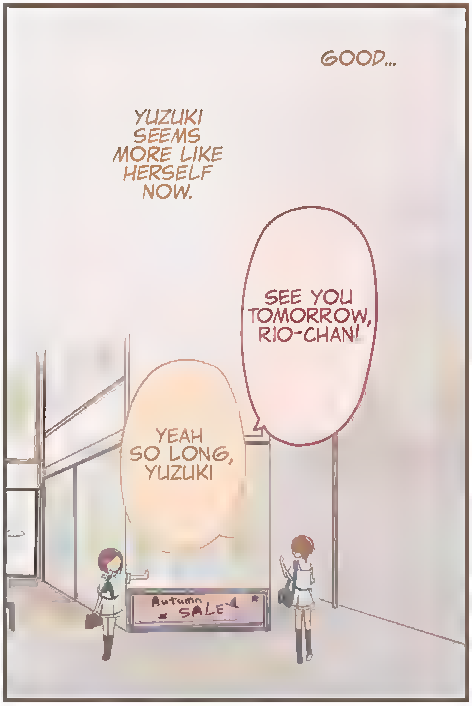
YUZUKI...
...SEEMS DOWN...
JEEZ.
YOU'RE SNACKING AGAIN?
you eat too much junk food.
cheh heh!
IT'S GOOD!
yuu-chan will share with you!
I HOPE IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION.
HEY, YUZUKI.
I'M PRETTY HUNGRY. WANT TO STOP SOMEWHERE ON OUR WAY HOME?
!
REALLY?! YUU-CHAN'S BEEN DYYYING TO EAT THE NEW CROISSANTS AT THE BAKERY BY THE STATION!!
heh...
more sweets?
OKAY, WE'LL GO THERE.

EP37. DUSK & DEJECTION


RIO-CHAN'S COOKING?!
I can't wait!
HEH! YOU'D TOTALLY BE WORTH COOKING FOR! YOU SHOULD COME TO MY PLACE NEXT TIME WE HAVE A DAY OFF
We'll invite usami too
Bakery
ARE THERE ANY FOODS YOU DON'T LIKE?
NOPE!
YUU-CHAN WILL EAT AAANY-THING!


AWWW!
NO!
I meant my dad!
LOTS OF GIRLS LIKE YOU, RIO-CHAN.
YUU-CHAN BETS THAT IF YOU SHOWED OFF YOUR CHARMS MORE, LIKE HOW YOU COOK, YOU'D GET LOTS OF ATTENTION FROM BOYS, TOO!
come on. that's not true.
AHA HA..


!
LOVE TALK!
I TRY COOKING NEW THINGS ON MY DAYS OFF, FOR FUN
BUT I DON'T HAVE SOMEONE TO FEED IT TO ANYMORE!
yuu-chan is here to listen!
RIO-CHAN, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT YOUR LOVE LIFE?!


GOOD...
YUZUKI SEEMS MORE LIKE HERSELF NOW.
SEE YOU TOMORROW, RIO-CHAN!
YEAH SO LONG, YUZUKI
Autumn SALE

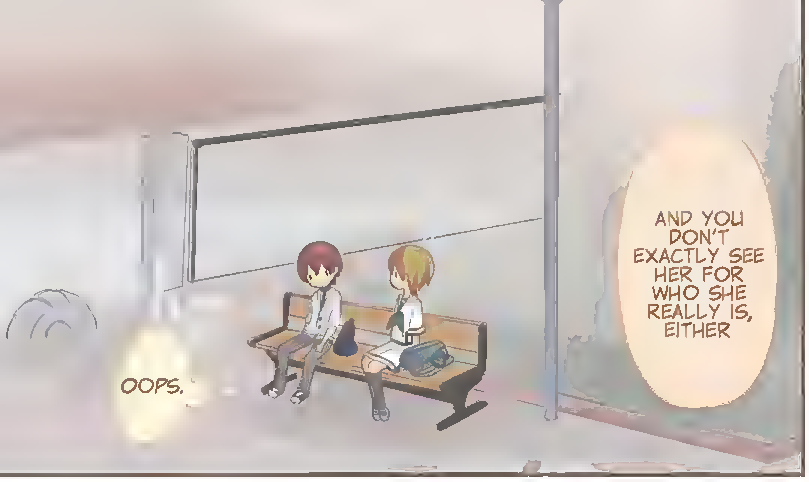
WELL
I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN ROMANCE, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED WITH MY PARENTS
OH, OKAY...

HUH?
ANY-WAY...
DAD'S WORKING NIGHT SHIFT AGAIN TODAY.
MAYBE I SHOULD BUY SOME VITAMIN DRINKS ON MY WAY HOME...
ISN'T THAT
heeey!
MOMO-TSUKI!
!

SAKAKI!
let me guess...
ON YOUR WAY HOME AFTER PRACTICE?
YUP
COOL.
GOOD WORK TODAY!
UH!
Y...
YEAH...
A DATE WITH SENPAI, I'M GUESSING.
he's so obvious.
...
WELL, I HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TIME
stab
TH-THANKS.
疲れ
fatigue
wh...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WERE YOU OUT SOMEWHERE?

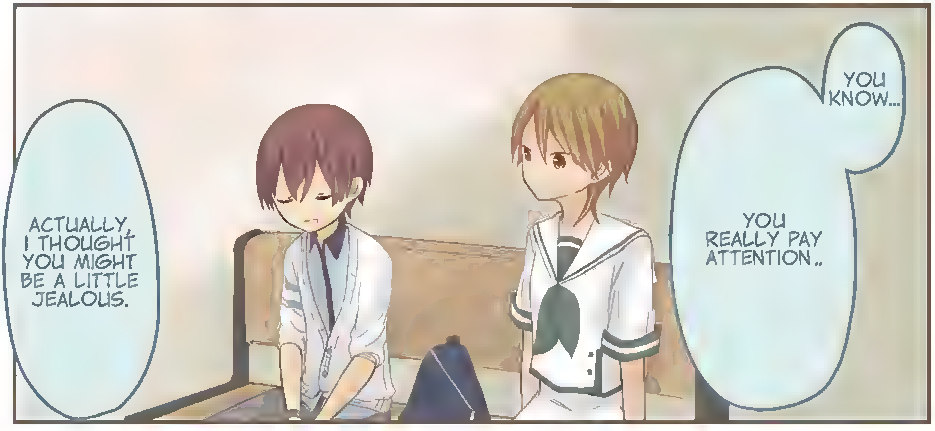
..HEY.
ARE YOU MISSING A BUTTON?
ACK...
YEAH.
i gotta fix it when i get home.
WOW. YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
thanks
YOU THINK? IT'S NOT ANY-THING SPECIAL.
and you're welcome.
...
I CAN DO THAT FOR YOU.
SHE'S SO GREEDY ISN'T THAT TOUGH ?
BUT JEEZ, SENPAI'S REALLY SOME-THING
..SEE?
AND YOU PUT THEM ON?!
YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY ME ANY-THING!
IF YOU COULD PUT THESE CAT EARS ON, THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR ME!!
NO!!
N...
LIKE TODAY, WE WERE LOOKING AT SOUVENIRS, AND WHEN I OFFERED TO BUY HER SOMETHING, SHE SAID...
NO, SHE'S NOT.
?

THE WAY SHE'S SO THOUGHTFUL IS REALLY NICE OF HER.
UH-HUH...
I CAN GUARANTEE YOU SHE WASN'T JOKING.
NO WAY!
SHE WAS JUST JOKING AROUND SO IT WOULDN'T BE ALL AWKWARD AFTER SHE SAID NO. DUH.
SAKAKI, CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
?
AS LONG AS YOU TWO ARE, UH, HITTING IT OFF..
HUH? DID I SAY SOME-THING WEIRD?
NO YOU DIDN'T
ha ha..
OH, YEAH
DO YOU THINK SHE'S HOLDING BACK, SO I WON'T SPEND TOO MUCH ON HER?
HUH?!
SO KURIHARA-SAN TENDS TO ASK FOR THINGS MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T REALLY WANT, LIKE MY BUTTON TODAY, AND STUFF LIKE THAT..
...WHEN SENPAI'S AROUND YOU..
THE WAY I SEE IT
I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S WHY SHE DOES IT
UHHH...
ON THE CONTRARY, I GIVE INTO MY DESIRE ALL THE TIME!

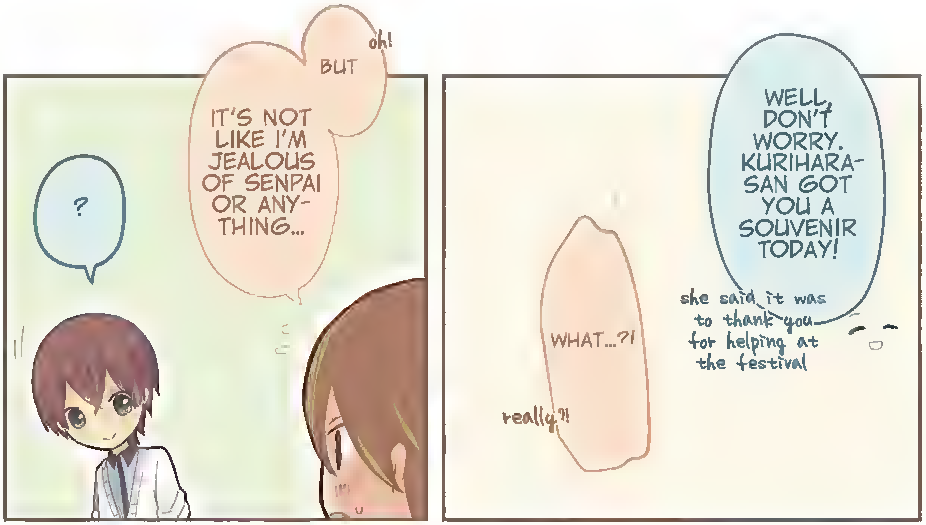

OOPS.
AND YOU DON'T EXACTLY SEE HER FOR WHO SHE REALLY IS, EITHER
I GUESS I'D SAY THAT SHE KEEPS HERSELF AT A DISTANCE, A LITTLE.

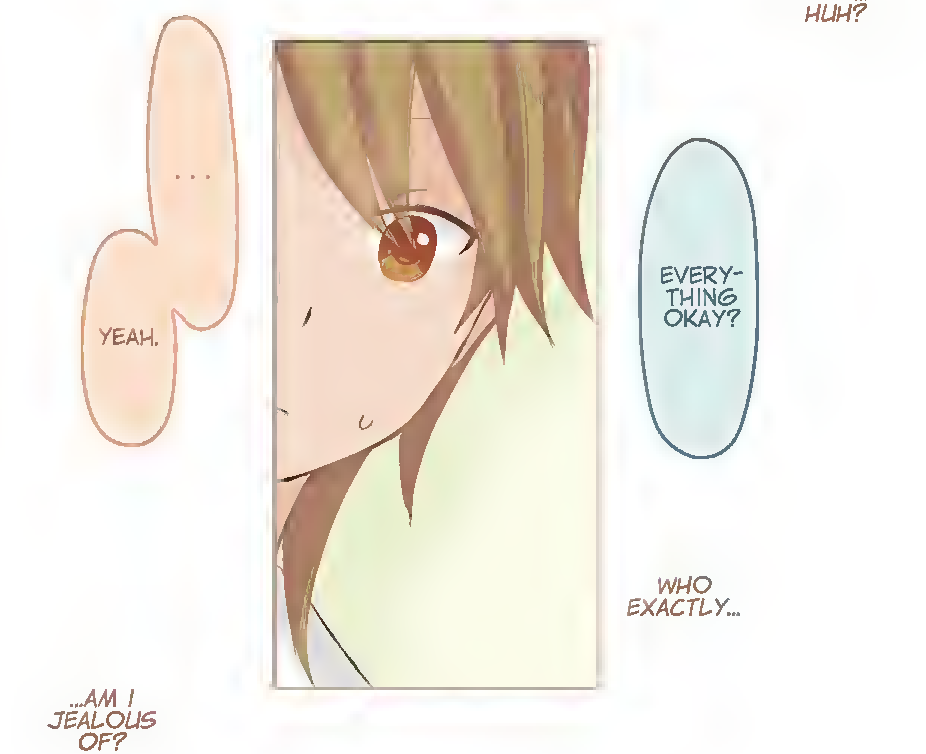
BUT..
NAH, IT'S OKAY
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...

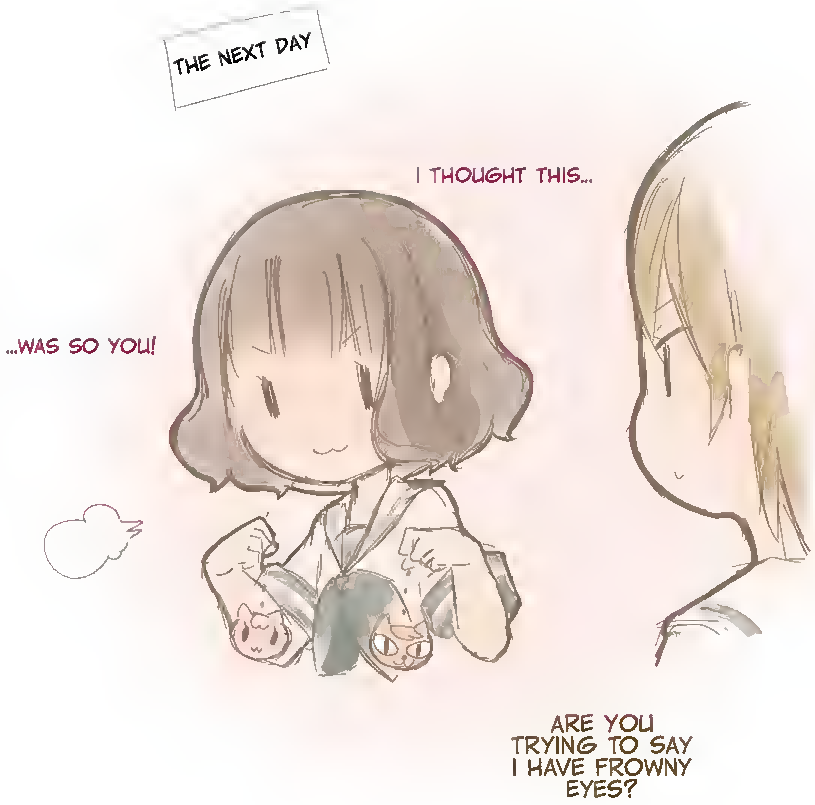
THAT...
..WASN'T THE NICEST THING TO SAY.
S-SORRY
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT


ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE A LITTLE JEALOUS.
YOU KNOW...
YOU REALLY PAY ATTENTION..

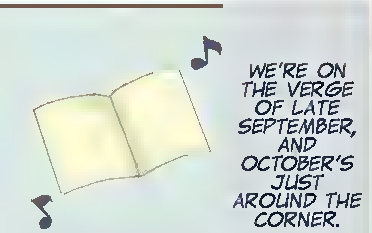
?!
!
HUH?!
?
??
HUH?
N-NO WAY...!
I JUST LIKE SMALL, CUTE THINGS, THAT'S ALL!
I'M NOT...
it doesn't mean i...!
Y...
YEAH?
you okay?
THAT'S WHAT HE HEARD?!!
HUH?!
SMALL
CUTIE
..WERE THAT CLOSE.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AND KURI-HARA-SAN-
hehehe


?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M JEALOUS OF SENPAI OR ANY-THING...
BUT
oh!
WELL, DON'T WORRY. KURIHARA-SAN GOT YOU A SOUVENIR TODAY!
she said it was to thank you for helping at the festival
WHAT...?!
really?!


WAIT... HUH?
...
YEAH.
EVERY-THING OKAY?
WHO EXACTLY...
...AM I JEALOUS OF?

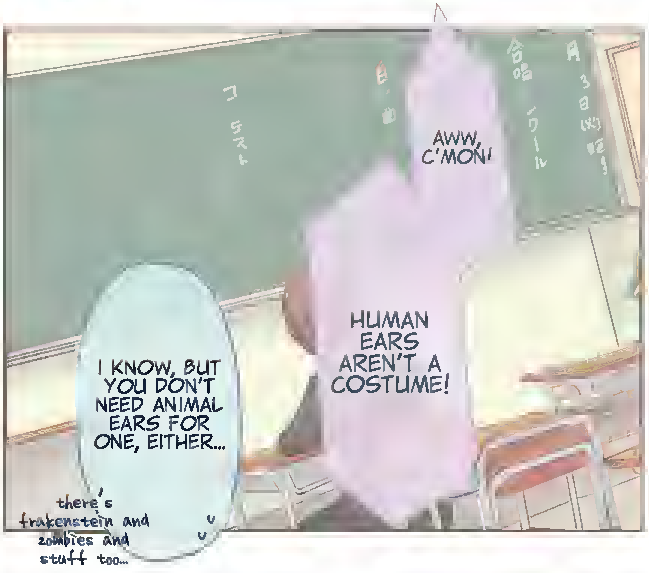

THE NEXT DAY
I THOUGHT THIS...
...WAS SO YOU!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY I HAVE FROWNY EYES?

EP38: INNOCENT ORANGE



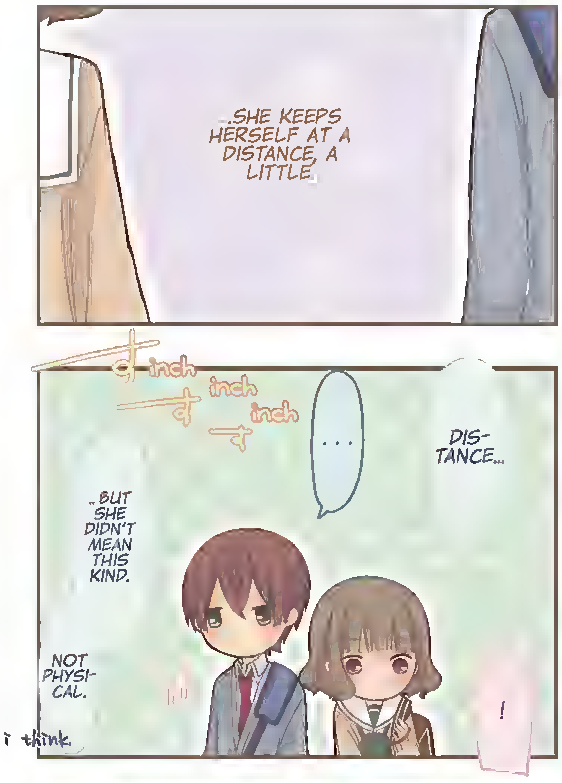
WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF LATE SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

OUR SCHOOL ALTERNATES BETWEEN A CULTURE FESTIVAL AND A CHORUS FESTIVAL EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR IS A CHORUS YEAR

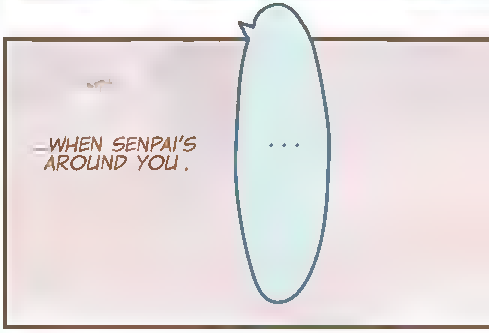

AWW, C'MON!
HUMAN EARS AREN'T A COSTUME!
I KNOW, BUT YOU DON'T NEED ANIMAL EARS FOR ONE, EITHER...
there's frakenstein and zombies and stuff too...

THE ALTERNATING YEARS CREATE A GAP BETWEEN HOW MUCH STUDENTS GET HYPED FOR THEM, SO...
THAT'S NO GOOD, MOMO-KUN!
IT'S FOR THE MAIN EVENT!
YOU'RE REPRESENTING OUR CLASS IN THE COSTUME CONTEST!
OCTOBER IS ALL ABOUT THE EVENT.
EACH CLASS CHOOSES ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE COSTUME CONTEST.
WHAT SHOULD I DRESS UP AS?
I GUESS YUZUI WANTS THE GRAND PRIZE.
YOU KNOW, THE YEAR-LONG SCHOOL CAFETERIA 20% OFF CARD.
YOU HAVE TO GO ALL OUT FOR IT!!
pout
no being normal!
now it makes sense...
WHEN FOOD'S ON THE LINE, SHE GETS INTENSE...
SAKAKI-CHAN, YOUR THEME IS "COOL," SO HOW ABOUT... A VAMPIRE?!
OOH, YOU'D MAKE A GREAT VAMPIRE!
WAIT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THEME?! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, THEN?!

...
"CUTE."
how do you know already?
WORD GETS AROUND TO YOU FAST, KURIHARA-SAN.
EHEH HEH...
YOU AND RIO-CHAN ARE ENTERING THE COSTUME CONTEST FOR 1-C, RIGHT?
CLASS 1-C: MOMO-KUN AND HIS FRIENDS' CLASS
HUH?!
ARE YOU DRESSING UP, KURIHARA-SAN?
NO, NO. I'M JUST GOING TO SING. NORIKA'S PLAYING THE PIANO.
OH, OKAY.
TOO BAD.
who wants momotsuki kun to enter for the boys? kay it's settled.
?!
weeeee!
THANKS, RIHITO-KUN!
OHH...
RIHITO'S IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZING OUR CLASS FOR THE CHORUS FESTIVAL, AND HE PRETTY MUCH DECIDED IT ALL HIMSELF...


...SHE KEEPS HERSELF AT A DISTANCE, A LITTLE.
inch
inch
inch
...
DIS-TANCE...
...BUT SHE DIDN'T MEAN THIS KIND.
NOT PHYSI-CAL.
I think.
!

eheh heh...

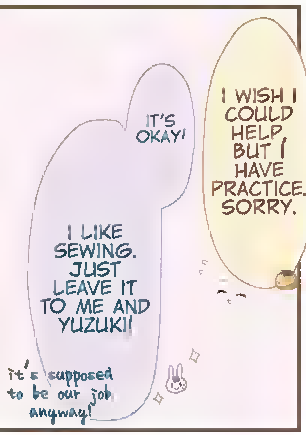

...WHEN SENPAI'S AROUND YOU.
...

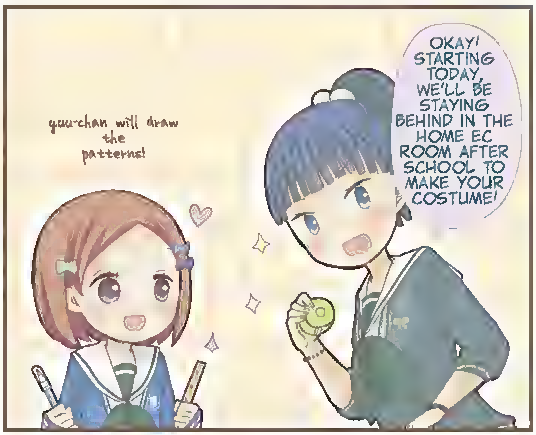
AH...
UH!
ERM...

M-
MOMO-KUN?
you're so close.

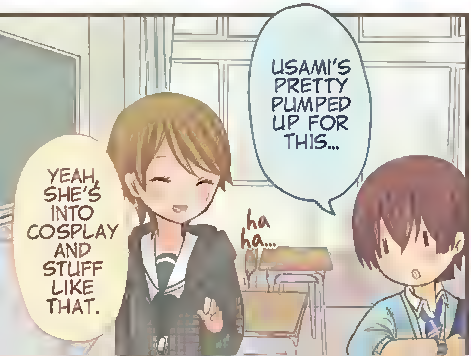
KURI-HARA-SAN... HAVE YOU... SHRUNK?
I THINK YOU'VE GOTTEN TALLER!
I'D BEEN THINKING SHE'S GOTTEN SHORTER...
EIGHT MILLI-METERS IN THREE MONTHS!

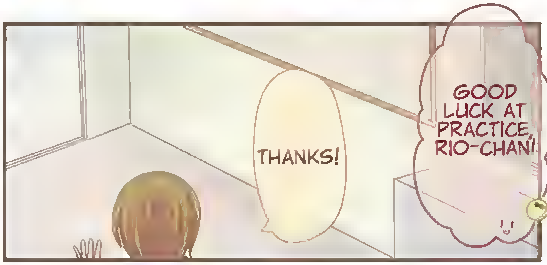
?
HUH?

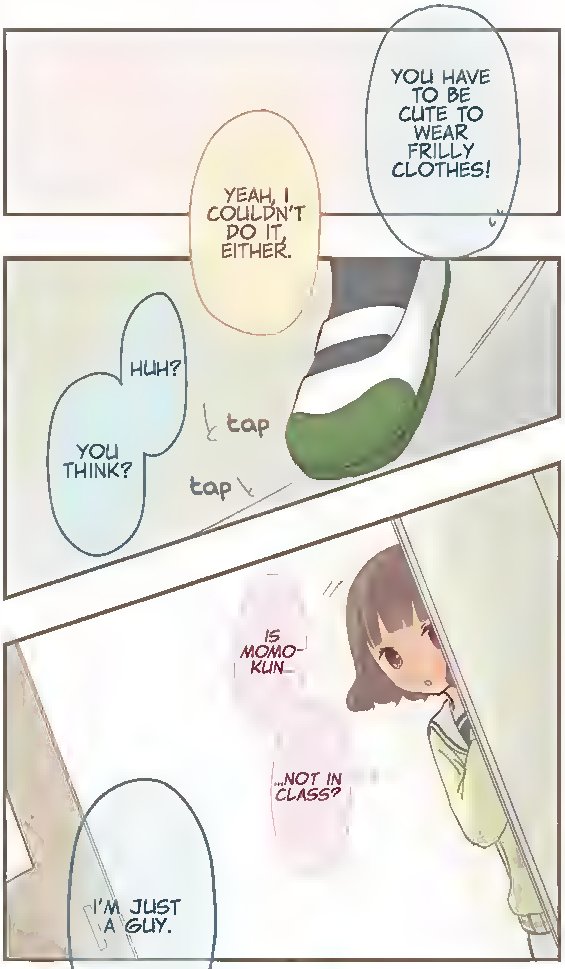

I WISH I COULD HELP, BUT I HAVE PRACTICE. SORRY.
IT'S OKAY!
I LIKE SEWING. JUST LEAVE IT TO ME AND YUZUKI!
it's supposed to be our job anyway!

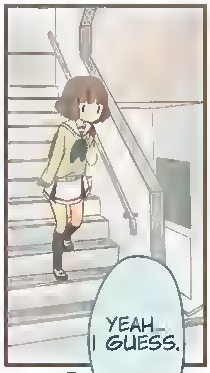

OKAY! STARTING TODAY, WE'LL BE STAYING BEHIND IN THE HOME EC ROOM AFTER SCHOOL TO MAKE YOUR COSTUME!
you-chan will draw the patterns!

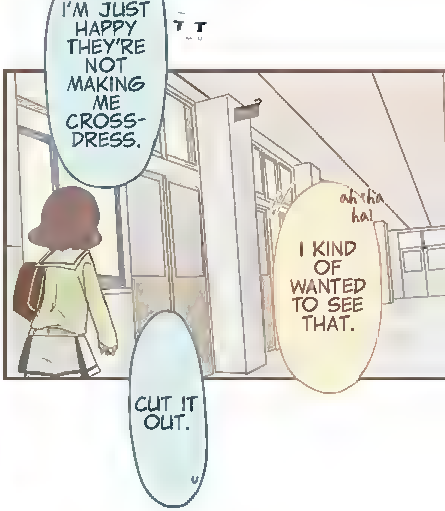
MEA-SURE-MENTS: CHECK!!

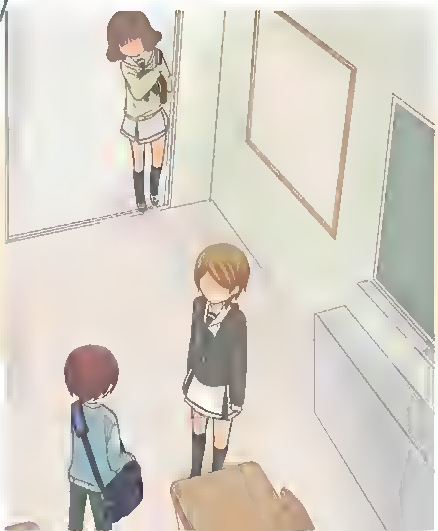

USAMI'S PRETTY PUMPED UP FOR THIS...
YEAH, SHE'S INTO COSPLAY AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
ha ha...

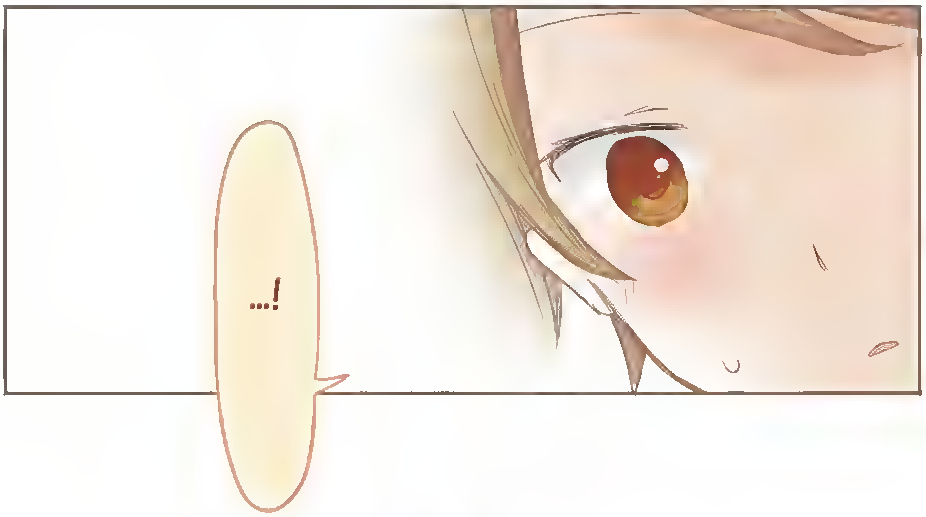

THANKS!
GOOD LUCK AT PRACTICE, RIO-CHAN!


YOU HAVE TO BE CUTE TO WEAR FRILLY CLOTHES!
YEAH, I COULDN'T DO IT, EITHER.
HUH?
YOU THINK?
tap
tap
IS MOMO-KUN_
...NOT IN CLASS?
I'M JUST A GUY.


ARE YOU OKAY WITH THEIR COSTUME DESIGN, THOUGH, MOMO-TSUKI?
YEAH_ I GUESS.


I'M JUST HAPPY THEY'RE NOT MAKING ME CROSS-DRESS.
ah-ha ha!
I KIND OF WANTED TO SEE THAT.
CUT IT OUT.


I THINK YOU'RE PLENTY CUTE, SAKAKI.



I...

SEN-PAI?!

KURI-HARA-SAN!

NOT TO WORRY! MOMO-KUN IS JUST AS CUTE!
OH!
?!
GRP
S-SORRY, SAKAKI
I GOTTA GO! SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
bye-bye!
SEE YOU, RIO-CHAN!
yeah
THEY'RE BOTH IN THEIR OWN LITTLE WORLD?
SPACY...
...
waaah!
KURI-HARA-SAN! DON'T SAY THAT IN THE DOOR TO THE CLASS-ROOM!
guys don't wanna be called cute!!
NO!
kuuuh?
AREN'T YOU TALKING ABOUT WHO'S THE CUTEST PERSON IN YOUR CLASS?
K.
KURI-HARA-SAN!

ABOUT EARLIER...
NOW THAT I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE PART SHE HEARD DEFINITELY WOULD GIVE HER THE WRONG IMPRESSION
YOU SAID THAT BECAUSE SAKAKI WAS THERE, RIGHT?
WHEN INSIDE, IT MUST HAVE HER JEALOUS..

UHH...
UH
IF YOU DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING OF IT...
YEAH...?
HUH?
...THEN NEVER MIND.

...OR NOT?!
look at that head tilt!!

I GOTTA WONDER...

LIKE...

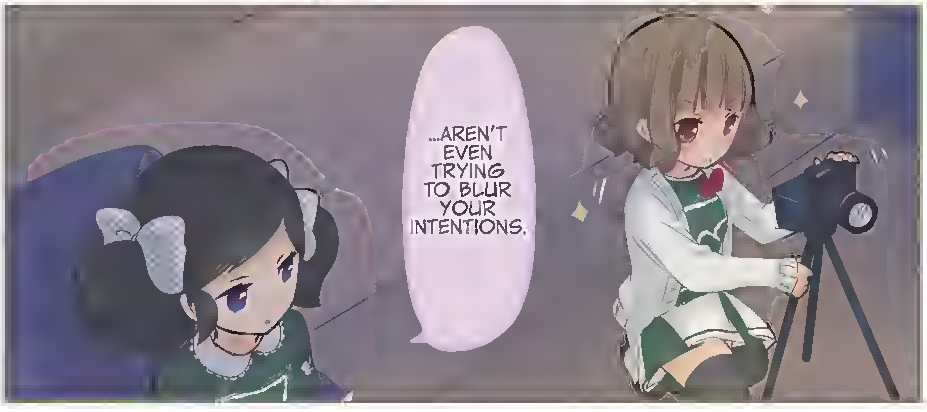
DOESN'T SHE EVER...

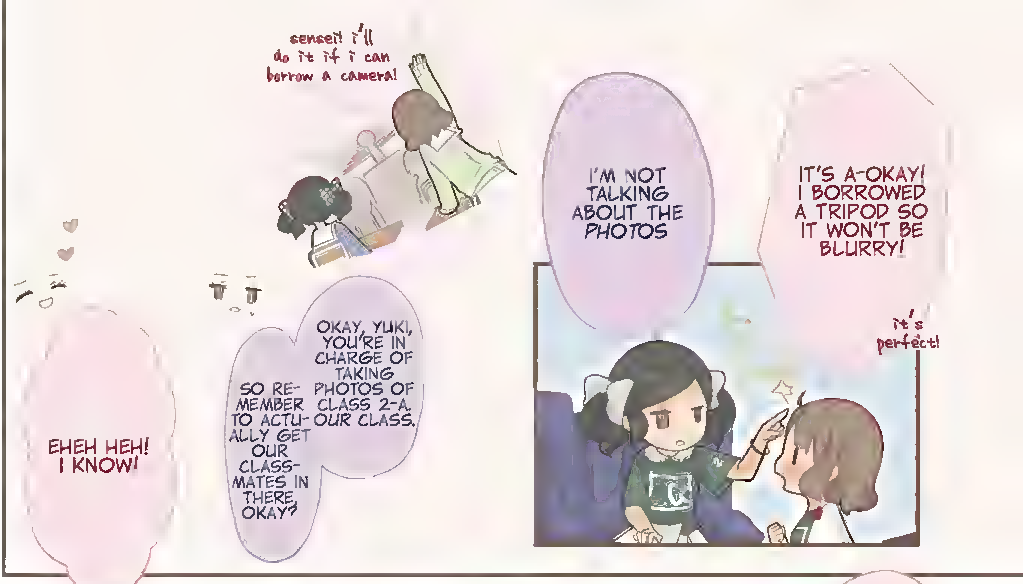
...GET JEALOUS OVER ME?

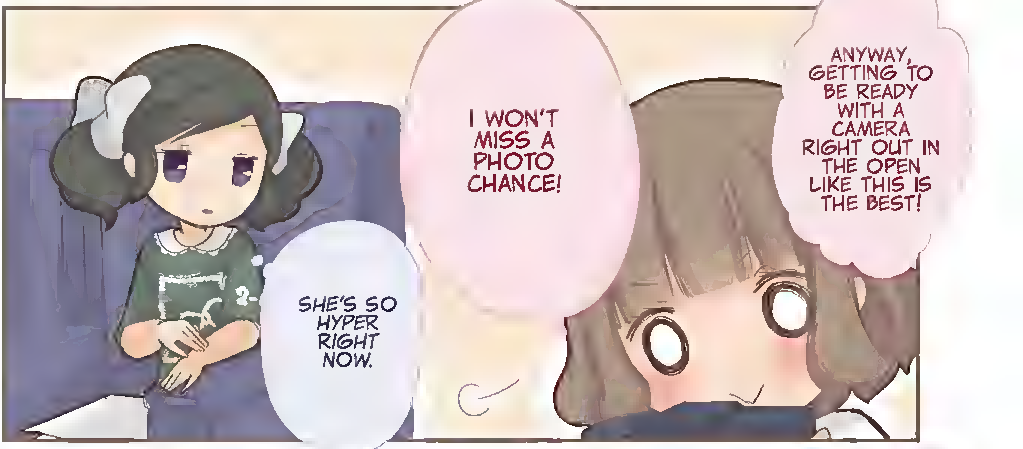
clap
clap
clap
clap

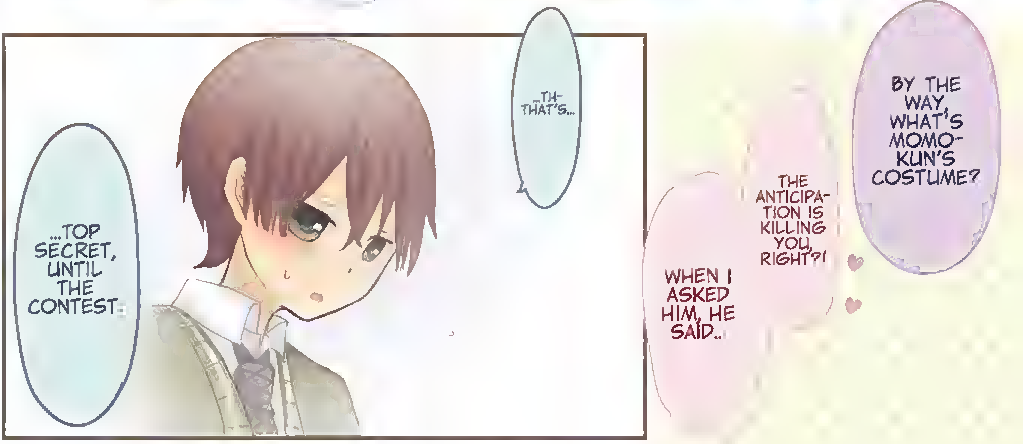
EP39: SWEET TREAT

YUKI
YOU..
...THE COSTUME CONTEST WILL BEGIN.
ENTRANTS, PLEASE GATHER BACK-STAGE...
AHEM... AFTER A TWENTY MINUTE BREAK...


...AREN'T EVEN TRYING TO BLUR YOUR INTENTIONS.


sensei! i'll do it if i can borrow a camera!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE PHOTOS
IT'S A-OKAY! I BORROWED A TRIPOD SO IT WON'T BE BLURRY!
it's perfect!
OKAY, YUKI, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF TAKING PHOTOS OF CLASS 2-A. OUR CLASS.
SO REMEMBER TO ACTUALLY GET OUR CLASSMATES IN THERE, OKAY?
EHEH HEH! I KNOW!


I WON'T MISS A PHOTO CHANCE!
ANYWAY, GETTING TO BE READY WITH A CAMERA RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS IS THE BEST!
SHE'S SO HYPER RIGHT NOW.

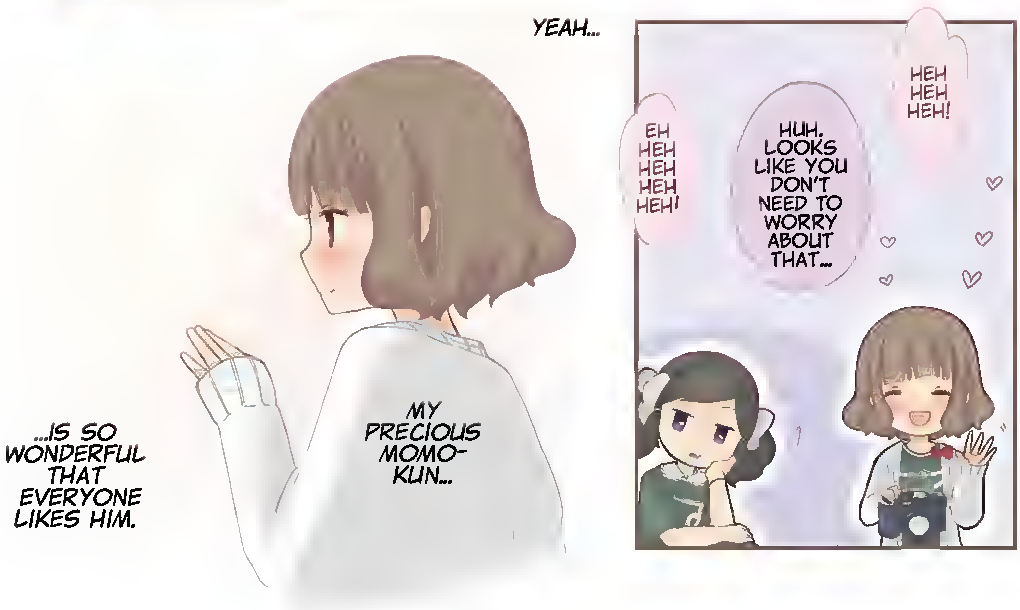

TH-THAT'S...
...TOP SECRET, UNTIL THE CONTEST.
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S MOMO-KUN'S COSTUME?
THE ANTICIPATION IS KILLING YOU, RIGHT?!
WHEN I ASKED HIM, HE SAID..

NO PUSHING, PLEASE! DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING HURT!
KEEP OFF THE STAGE, PLEASE!
clamor
clamor
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR SPOTS IN FRONT OF THE STAGE...
IT WAS SO CUTE.
I DECIDED TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE BIG REVEAL AND KEPT MYSELF FROM INVES-TIGATING!
WOW, SO SHE LISTENS TO WHAT MOMO-KUN TELLS HER...
HEY, CAN'T WE GET [illegible]?
I WANT TO GET PHOTOS TAKEN, TOO!
UH-HUH! GOOD THING I BORROWED THIS CAMERA FROM SENSEI!
beep
beep
...AND THE ATTENTION WILL PROBABLY SPILL OVER TO MOMO-KUN, TOO, SINCE THEY'RE MATCHING.
THAT CROWD IS PROBABLY KAKKI-SAN'S FAN-GIRLS...
IS THIS A GOOD THING..?
2-A

MOMO-KUN'S SO KYUUUTE!
...LIEVABLE!
UN... BE...
uheh heh
HE'S AN ANGEL!
おお
no. he's a wolf.
POOR GUY LOOKS SO SHORT NEXT TO HER..
IS THIS HEAVEN?!

..LIEV-ABLE.
UN-BE...
HEY HEY!
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
HE'S PRETTY COOL TOO, ISN'T HE?
HERE
crowd
THE CROWD'S SO THICK..
-THAT I CAN'T GET ANY GOOD PHOTOS
WELL, THEY DID WIN FIRST PLACE IN AN INSTANT...
INCREDIBLE! A PERFECT SCORE!
NOW THAT I LOOK AT HIM, HE'S PRETTY CUTE
YUKI
I CAN'T WAIT TO CHANGE OUT OF THIS.
WHAT IF THIS MAKES MOMO-KUN POPULAR, AND STARTING TOMORROW, HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU ANY-MORE?
WHAAAT?
oh. no!

...!


YEAH...
HEH HEH HEH!
EH HEH HEH HEH HEH!
HUH. LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT...
MY PRECIOUS MOMO-KUN...
...IS SO WONDERFUL THAT EVERYONE LIKES HIM.

AH!
HE FINALLY LOOKED OUR WAY AND I FORGOT TO TAKE A PHOTO!
YOU ARE SO..
YEAH?
A SENPAI FROM THE NEWS-PAPER CLUB...
...WANTS TO TAKE PHOTOS
MOMO-TSUKI.
...WAS HOLDING THIS BIG CAMERA.
KURI-HARA-SAN.
THIS WILL BE IN THE SCHOOL PAPER, TRY DIFFERENT POSES, PLEASE!
yeee
THESE ARE GREAT! KAKKI ESPECIALLY!
OKAY, NEXT IS...
PRESIDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER CLUB & SAKAKI FANGIRL

OKAY, NOW PLEASE KISS MOMOTSUKI-KUN'S NECK, LIKE A VAMPIRE SUCKING BLOOD!

WAIT, WHAT?!

ISN'T THAT THE BEST POSE FOR A VAMPIRE?!

M-MOMO-TSUKI!

WAIT, I DON'T...

CONGRATS ON THE WIN, KAKKI!

LET ME TAKE A PANTY SHOT!

THIS SENPAI FROM THE NEWSPAPER CLUB ALWAYS STARTS ASKING FOR CRAZY THINGS ONCE SHE GETS IN THE ZONE

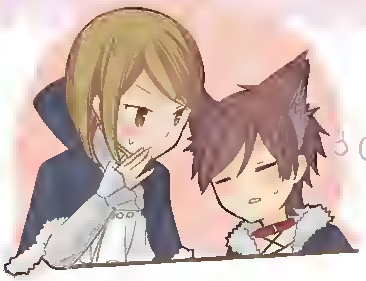
SHE GOES FROM IDEA TO IDEA REALLY FAST

SHE'S LIKE THIS AFTER TENNIS MATCHES, TOO

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE EVERY SINGLE REQUEST SERIOUSLY.

phew

G... GOT IT.



SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T CARE AS LONG AS SHE GETS TO PHOTOGRAPH SAKAKI...

snap
OOH!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WHISPERING SECRETS! THAT'S PERFECT!
ARGH, KURI-HARA-SAN'S WATCHING...
WHAT'S SHE GOING TO THINK?
COULD YOU MOVE YOUR FACES CLOSER?
NO!
I need you to get closer to help with the height difference!
OKAY, HOW ABOUT A HUG?
COME ON, GIVE ME A BREAK HERE...
SHE GAVE ME A THUMBS UP?!

IT'S LIKE SHE'S WATCHING...

...BUT MISSING SOMETHING...

WHAT GIVES?
...
WHY...?
DOESN'T KURIHARA-SAN GET...
SORRY
...SA-KAKI.
YOU GOT THE REST OF THIS!
shuffle
shuffle
HEY!
MOMO-TSUKI?

look at all the functions it has!
..YUKI
HMM?
KURIHARA-SAN!
WH-
WHAT IS IT, MOMO-KUN?
WEREN'T YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PHOTO SHOOT FOR THE PAPER?
MOMO-KU-
COME WITH ME FOR A SEC!
yar-
?
HUH?
HUH?
well well
BE BACK IN TIME FOR HOME-ROOM-

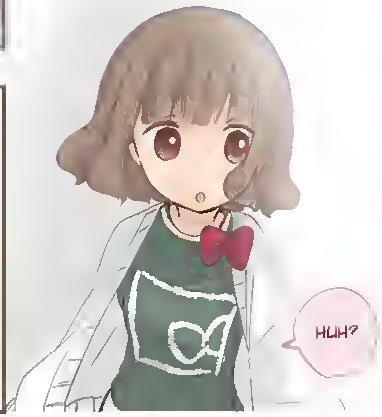
stop

oh no.
ARE YOU...
MAD?

WHY AREN'T YOU MAD?!

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ME?
?
MAD...?
AT... YOU?


HUH?

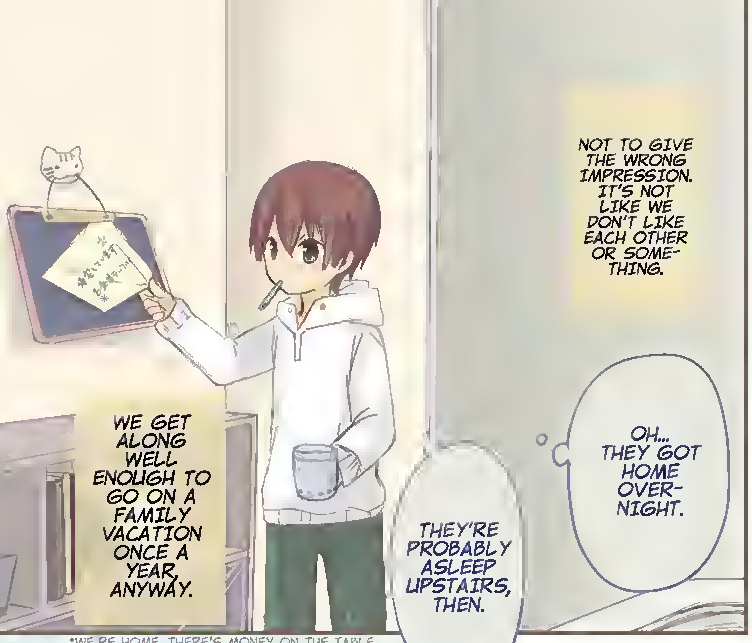
WHY WOULD MOMO-KUN...
LISTEN, KURI-HARA-SAN.
ARE YOU REALLY LOOKING AT ME?
YES..!
AND...
D-DO YOU REALLY LIKE ME?
YES! SO MUCH!!
...
TH...
...PULL US OUT LIKE THIS?
...AH.
THEN
YOU COULD BE...
A LITTLE J...
JEAL-OUS, YOU KNOW.
...HNG!
AH...!

ARE YOU...
SULKING OVER THAT?
M...
MOMO-KUN
I...
blush
I AM SO NOT SULK-ING.
AH
RIGHT
I...
..REALLY DO-
WAH!
omf
HE LIKES ME...
HE LIKES ME BACK...
U-UM..
LIS-TEN..
MO-MO-KUN!
HOLD ON!

I...
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.
SO LET ME SAY SOME-THING.
YETH!
I...
...LIKE YOU, YUKI.

COSTUME FITTING

RIO-CHAN, LOOKING GOOOOOOOOOD!
we're making the sleeves now. Okay?
HOW'S THE SIZE? ANY PARTS FEEL OFF?
NOPE.
THIS IS INCRED!-BLE! IT LOOKS LIKE A PRO MADE IT!
hmm hmm hmm
heh heh
AWWW, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!
BUT USAMI, WOULDN'T YOU RATHER WEAR IT YOURSELF?
you'd look good!
NOT AT A SCHOOL EVENT...
YOUR BIG BRO-THER ...WOULD BE SUPER EXCITED!
THAT'S WHAT I DON'T WANT!


WE GET ALONG WELL ENOUGH TO GO ON A FAMILY VACATION ONCE A YEAR, ANYWAY.
THEY'RE PROBABLY ASLEEP UPSTAIRS, THEN.
OH... THEY GOT HOME OVER-NIGHT.
NOT TO GIVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION. IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T LIKE EACH OTHER OR SOME-THING.

*WE'RE HOME. THERE'S MONEY ON THE TABLE

BOTH MY PARENTS HAVE WORKED SINCE I WAS LITTLE, SO MOST OF THE TIME I'M HOME ALONE.

EP40: CONFESSION

MY PARENTS ARE VERY PARTICULAR, SO IF THEY TRY TO TAKE PHOTOS DURING OUR FAMILY VACATIONS, THEY END UP GOING COMPLETELY INTO WORKING MODE.

SO WE HAVE A FAMILY RULE: NO PHOTO-GRAPHY OUTSIDE OF WORK.

MY MOM IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF A MAGAZINE, AND MY DAD'S A PHOTO-GRAPHER. OUTSIDE OF THE MAGA-ZINE WORK, THEY ALSO WRITE BOOKS.

I TOTALLY RESPECT THAT MY PARENTS PUT THEIR HEARTS INTO CAREERS THEY LOVE. BUT...

COMING FROM A FAMILY WHERE MY PARENTS PUT THEIR CAREERS FIRST...
I LIKE YOU, MOMOTSUKI-KUN...
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
YOU NOTICED ME?
...I WAS HAPPY THAT THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO PAID SO MUCH ATTENTION TO ME.

OHHH MAN. I JUST BLURTED THAT OUT..
embar-rassing...

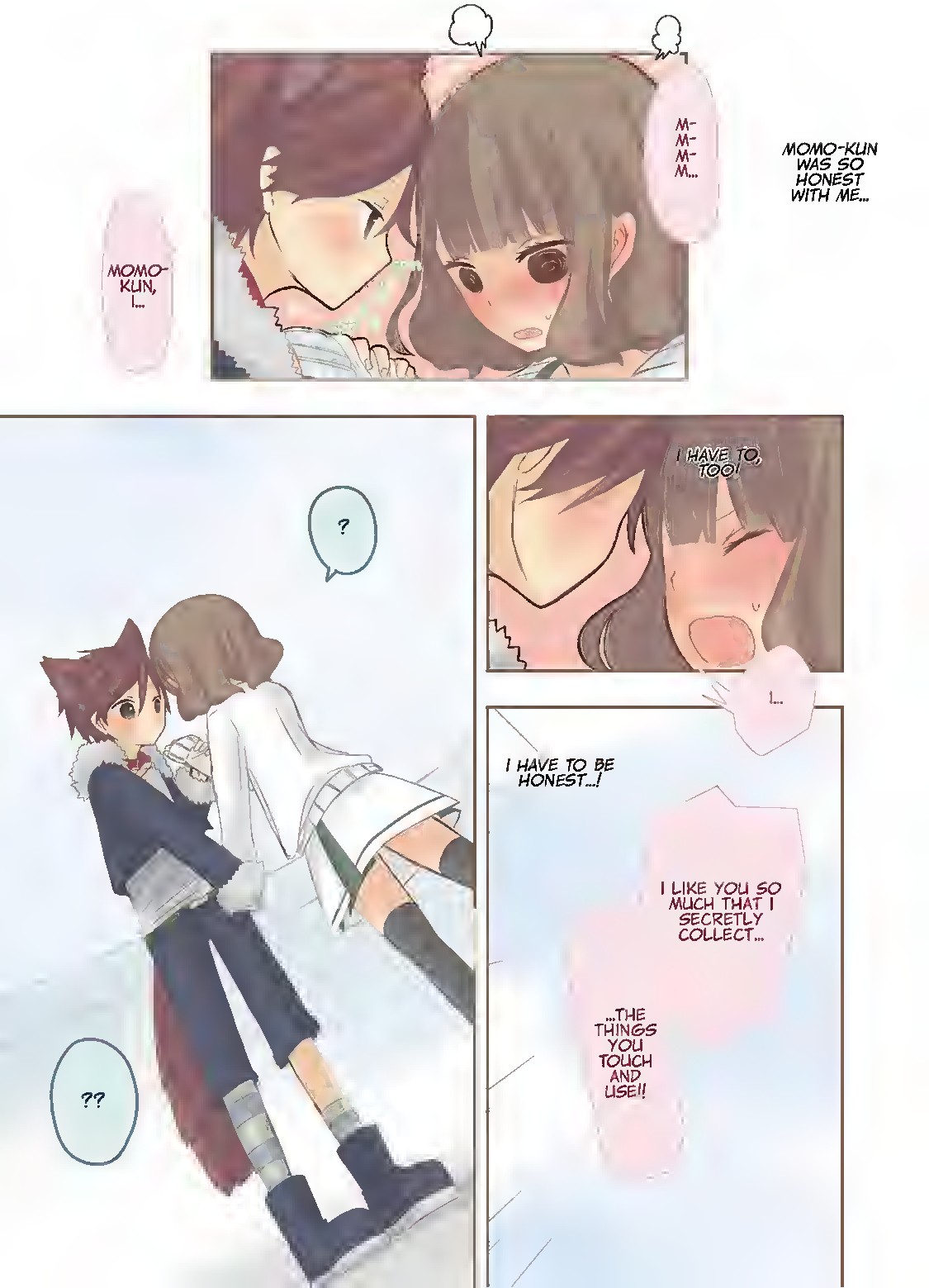
LAST TIME:
I GAVE HER MY LOLLIPOP.

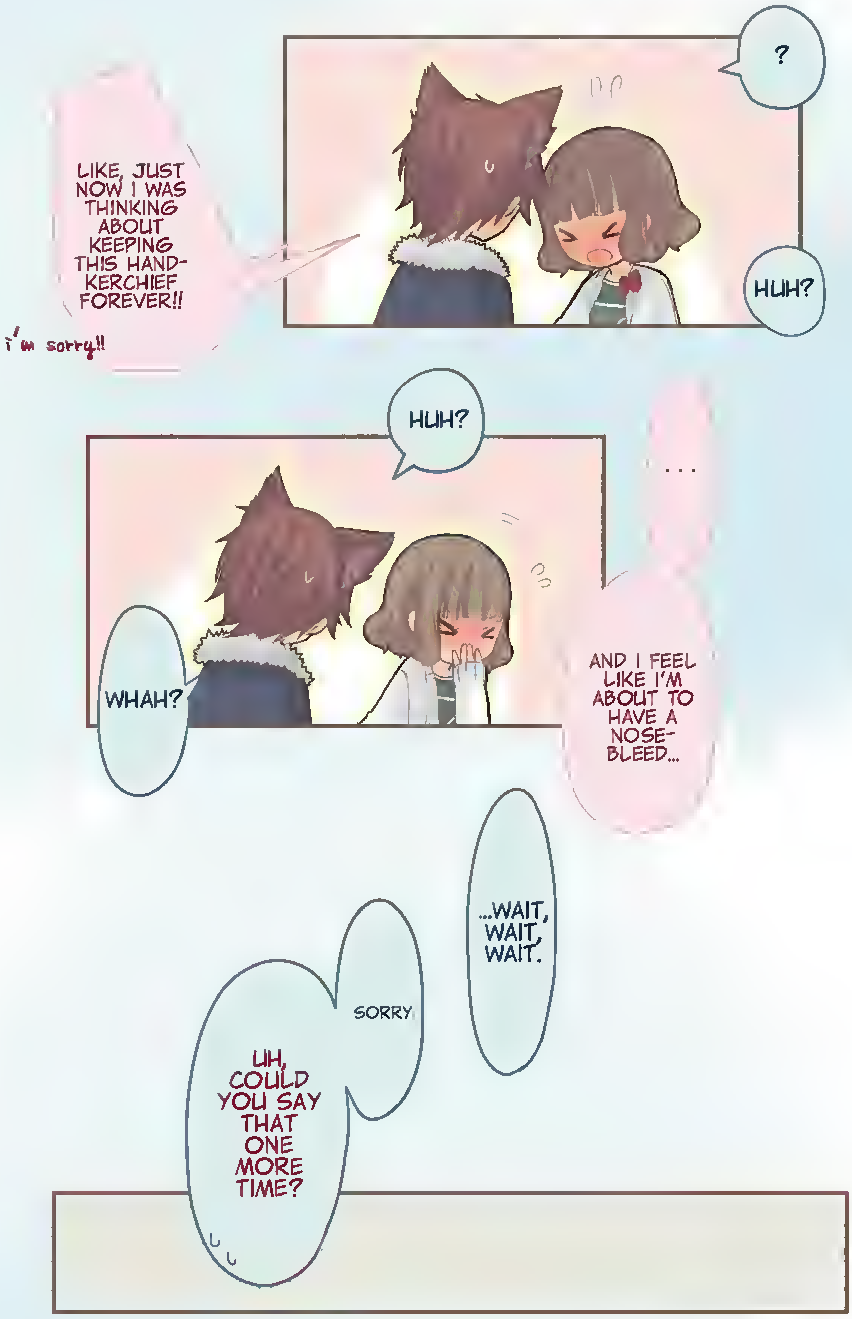
smack
?!!
HYOOO!!
?!!
H...
HEY..
YU...
WAAH!
WAAAH!
HUH?
WHA?!
WH-WHAT?!
WHAT IS IT?!!
0 0
JUST GOT SO EM-BAR-RAS-SED...
UMM...
I...

D...
DON'T LOOK AT ME, PLEASE!
CUTE...
OHH...
THOUGHT YOU WERE DRESSED AS A MAN
THEY SEEMED A LITTLE OFF YOU DON'T THINK THEY HAD A FIGHT, DO YOU?
YEAH, RIGHT. I'VE NEVER SEEN MOMO SNAP.
BUT THERE'S A SKIRT UNDER THERE
UH...
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY... HE DOES SEEM LIKE HE'D ACCEPT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING...
THAT MOMO-KUN
I...
I'M NOT MAD.
OR ANY-THING
SPEAKING OF HIM, THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN GONE A WHILE...
OH, REALLY...
WE ENDED UP NIXING THAT IDEA CUZ IT SEEMED LIKE MOMO WOULDN'T DO IT...
COULDA BEEN FUN TO HAVE THEM BOTH CROSS-DRESS.

WIPE
GEEZ...
I GOT IT ON YOUR FACE!
URGH, MY HANDS WERE ALL SWEATY FROM BEING NERVOUS!!
N...
NAH..
I didn't notice...
waaaah
STOP APOLO-GIZING.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY!
CALM DOWN!
NGH!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL. SER-IOUSLY.

!
gasp
15 cm
M..
M..
SO... CLOSE!
M- M- ME...
...TOO...
I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS POUNDING WHEN I TOLD HIM HOW I FELT...
BUT HEARING IT FROM HIM...
YEAH?
...MAKES MY HEART RACE EVEN MORE...

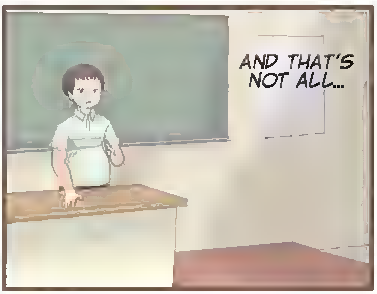

MOMO-KUN, I...
M-M-M-M...
MOMO-KUN WAS SO HONEST WITH ME...
?
??
I HAVE TO, TOO!
I...
I HAVE TO BE HONEST...!
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH THAT I SECRETLY COLLECT...
...THE THINGS YOU TOUCH AND USE!!

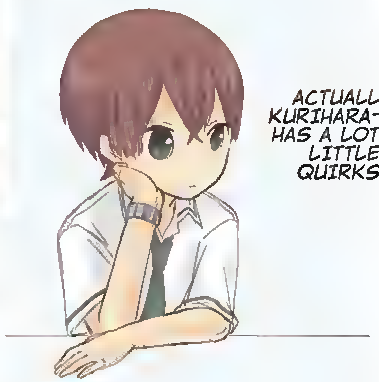

?
HUH?
LIKE, JUST NOW I WAS THINKING ABOUT KEEPING THIS HAND-KERCHIEF FOREVER!!
I'm sorry!!
HUH?
...
WHAH?
AND I FEEL LIKE I'M ABOUT TO HAVE A NOSE-BLEED...
...WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.
SORRY
UH, COULD YOU SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME?

I CAN'T WEAR THIS! IT'S TOO EMBAR-RASSING!
WHAT THE HECK?! EARS AND A TAIL?!
HEY.
IT'S BETTER THAN CROSS-DRESSING, RIGHT?
YUP!
yeah.
men are wolves!
KURI-SENPAI WAS LOOKING AT CAT EARS ON YOUR DATE, RIGHT? BET SHE'D LOVE THIS.
BESIDES, IT'S A WOLF COSTUME! COOL, RIGHT?
DEFINITELY A MAN'S COSTUME
!!
!
persuading Hamakun is so easy!!
HOW DO I LOOK?!
GREAT!
NICE.
H...

SPECIAL EP: IN MOMOTSUKI-KUN'S CASE

*THIS CHAPTER IS EP:32 AS TOLD FROM MOMO-KUN'S POINT OF VIEW!

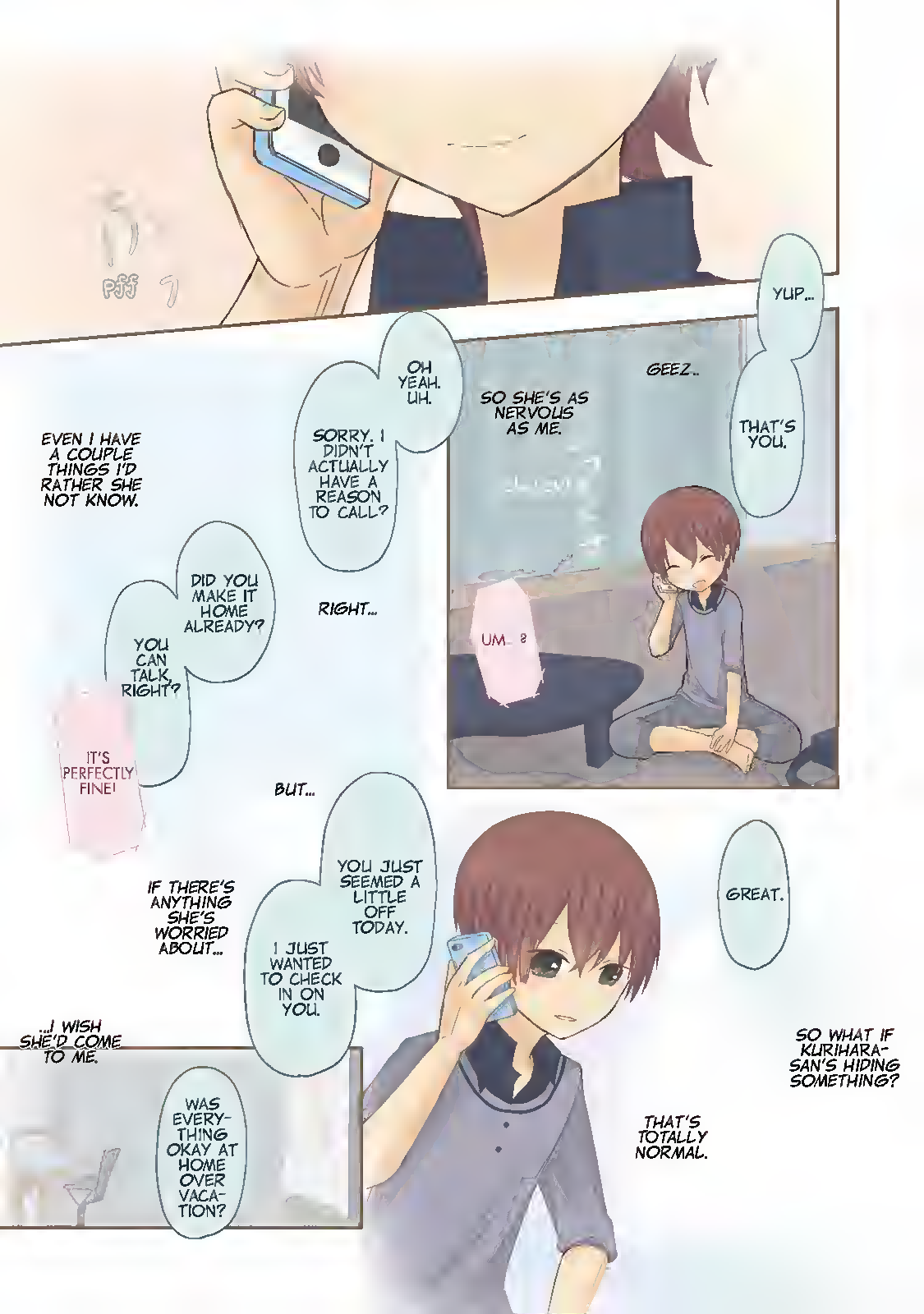




I GET THIS FEELING THAT LATELY...
bing
bong
...I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HER MORE.
HANDOUTS YOU GONNA TAKE YOURS?
your face is red are you hot?
MOOO-MO-CHAN.
BUT...
OH YEAH
SEEMED LIKE YOU GOT SUPER BUSY IN THE SECOND HALF OF VACATION.
WAS EVERY-THING OKAY?
AH!
SOME-TIMES...
LEAVING SCHOOL TOGETHER IS ROUTINE NOW.
WHEN SHE'S LIKE THAT...
...SHE MAKES THIS REALLY FLUSTERED FACE.
...
F...
FAMILY SHTUFF!
"SHTUFF..."
...SHE FEELS KIND OF REMOTE.

BUT..
I REALLY GOTTA WONDER.
SO I TRY NOT TO PRY INTO IT...
OH, OKAY...
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME.
KURI-HARA-SAN...
WHEN SHE'S TRYING TO DODGE SOME-THING, SHE GETS ALL WORKED UP AND MISSPEAKS.
NOPE.
YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT, YOU! DIDN'T THINK THAT!
GAH!
I LOVE
YOU!
ONLY... IN KURIHARA-SAN'S CASE, WHEN I LOOK IN HER EYES...
...IS PRACTICALLY SPELLED OUT IN THEM, SO IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S UNHAPPY WITH ME OR SOMETHING.

OH CRAP!
MY FINGERS MUST HAVE SLIPPED AND CALLED KURIHARA-SAN!
HAAH...
HEE
HI!
hello!
...THE PHONE?
whap
H-HEY, KURI-HARA-SAN
SORRY FOR CALLING OUT OF THE BLUE
AH.
KURIHARA SPEAKING!!
O-OH, NO!
IT'S
YES!
I'M REALLY NERVOUS..
OH MAN. WHAT DO I SAY?
...TO TALK TO HER ON THE PHONE.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YUP...
GEEZ..
SO SHE'S AS NERVOUS AS ME.
THAT'S YOU.
UM...?
OH YEAH. UH.
SORRY. I DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE A REASON TO CALL?
EVEN I HAVE A COUPLE THINGS I'D RATHER SHE NOT KNOW.
DID YOU MAKE IT HOME ALREADY?
YOU CAN TALK, RIGHT?
RIGHT...
IT'S PERFECTLY FINE!
BUT...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT...
YOU JUST SEEMED A LITTLE OFF TODAY.
I JUST WANTED TO CHECK IN ON YOU.
GREAT.
SO WHAT IF KURIHARA-SAN'S HIDING SOMETHING?
...I WISH SHE'D COME TO ME.
WAS EVERY-THING OKAY AT HOME OVER VACA-TION?
THAT'S TOTALLY NORMAL.

...SHE DOESN'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.
YEAH, IT WAS JUST...
THAT SOME THINGS I COLLECTED WERE ALMOST THROWN AWAY
THAT'S ALL
...OH YEAH.
I WONDER WHAT SHE MEANT BY "FAMILY STUFF"?
YEAH.... UM...
IT'S NO-THING BIG
OH YEAH?
I GUESS...
I DO HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I WAS KINDA WEIRDED OUT AT FIRST WHEN SHE ASKED ME FOR THAT PEN I BROKE.
SHE REALLY LIKES CUTE THINGS.
I GOT IT FROM MY MOM
AND IT DID HAVE A CUTE MASCOT CHARACTER TOPPER
KURI-HARA-SAN YOU'RE AL-WAYS HOLDING ONTO THINGS AS KEEPSAKES, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE A COLLECTOR AT HEART
UH-HUH!
MAY I HAVE THAT?
I'LL MAKE IT A KEEP-SAKE!
RIGHT, SHE LIKES...
...CO-LLECTING ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

HEARING YOUR VOICE...
...CHEERS ME RIGHT UP!
...!
bluuuuuush
BUT...
YOU KNOW..
WH...
J...
I WANTED TO CHEER HER UP...
...BUT SHE ENDED UP MAKING ME HAPPY INSTEAD...
JEEZ, KURI-HARA-SAN, CUT IT OUT.
YOU'RE EMBAR-RASS-ING ME HERE!
EH HEH HEH!
I'll put a lock screen on this..

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP VOLUME 3.

I'M KUROSE.

I'M SURE SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY WATCHED THE ANIME VIA THE APP, BUT NOW THE ANIME WILL BE PLAYING VIA THE AIRWAVES, TOO. I'M SO GRATEFUL.

I HOPE YOU'LL SUPPORT THE TV ANIME, TOO!

- KUROSE

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